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AN EMPLOYING CLASS

WHAT NEGRO MUST HAVE TO RANK IN THE BUSINESS WORLD

INVESTORS OF MONEY NEEDED

Our Progress in Commerce and Relation of Heads and Helpers—Bishop Arnett Stands Off Pullman Company—Mr. Riis on Negro Mortality.

(By Our Special Staff Correspondent.)

As the annual session of the National Negro Business League approaches our minds turn to problems touching the commercial status of the race. With due recognition of the value of moral and intellectual attributes, experience has demonstrated that a race. to take rank with the rulers of government, must command a positive influence in the world of business. It must have a large admixture of the employing class. It is the employer who makes the money in important transactions, and who is pointed to when an example in thrif and commercial ingenuity is asked for. His profits are derived from the excess in receipts over the expenses of the business, which include, of course, cost of stock, wages to employees, rent, advertising, insurance and incidentals. It is the relation between employer and employees that most concerns and benefits the race, however. The employer invests his money, bus ness segacity, enterprise, tact and courage, and expects to realize upon the services of each employee a handsome bonus, regulating the number engaged by the volumn of trade and per cent of profit that must be brought in to make his investment a safe one. The employer's commercial acumen and broad executive ability are prime requisites in building up a paying business, but he cannot hope for success without the intelligent and sympathetic co-operation of the wage earner. Capital and labor are inseparable allies, linked by every natural law. There is the greatest measure of prosperity when the two forces work hand in hand, neither taking unfair advantage of the other.

Too often, however, the laborer who works for wages is not rewarded in propor tion to what he contributes to the earning capacity of the business. He suffers by cuts and deficits when the concern loses, and is not always benefited beyond his very modest stipend when there is an unusual increase of income. This is not as it should be, for the conscientious workman is essentially a partner, and morally a share holder. On the other hand, unions of articians and helpers of various kinds frequently embarras a weak, but well disposed firm by insisting upon inordinate demands in dull seasons, by striking when the books are full of orders upon which cost cannot be immediately realized upon, and by entailing loss of contracts to the management through inferior service. So, then, it is only in unity of purpose, frankness of dealing and mutuality of spirit between capital and labor that correct conditions can be made to prevail.

These problems are reaching us in a most pressing fashion, for the Negro is ceasing to be a cipher in the great equation of commerce. Everywhere Negroes are embarking into business. North, East, South and West we have hotels, restaurants, groceries, dry goods stores, drug stores, shoe stores, daries, laundries, halls, theaters, publishing houses, banks, mills, coal yards, blacksmith shops and factories where many lines of merchandise are manufactured; besides this we are making headway as architects, contractors and builders, electrical engineers and scientific agriculturists on a large scale. We are heavily increasing our per cent of employers, and gaining a proud eminence in the financial centers of the land, and winning respectful recognition at the hands of America's money kings, of whom Andrew Carnegie is a conspicuous example. His high estimate of the Negro's economic value has attained a world wide circulation, and opened the eyes of nations of the earth, by whom we were regarded as a race of shiftless mendicants, devoid of manly pride, civic virtues and intellectual or industrial training. The Negro is knocking at the door of a commercial future as producers as well as consumers, as sellers as well as buyers, as masters as well as helpers and as tax payers as well as tax eaters. We are not only equipped for competition in the school rooms, but are drilled for battle in the vast industrial arena, where the massive wealth of the republic is created. Our cryl at his time is a substantia increase in our number of captains of business, armed with brain force, heart power, industrial knowledge and financial possessions to lead our masses toward a more independent manhood, a higher degree of self-respect, and a loftier conception of useful citizenship. Let us have this summer a big meeting of the National Negro Business League, with recruits from every state, county, city and hamlet, and strive to develop a healthy increase in the output of Negro investors, and so strengthen the race's employing class that it may be prepared to meet and absorb the avalanche of trained artisans, industrial workers and alert business timber now being turned out each year by our technical schools and colleges.

Bishop Arnett is entitled to the thanks of the race for upholding in such a manly and dignified way the Negro's determination not to be frightened into acquiescence to the "jim crow" regulations of the Pullman Sleeping Car Co. The Bishop was compelled to charter an entire car in order to secure the peaceful possession of a single berth, and the action cost him a neat sum, but it was worth the money to thus vindicate a principle and establish a precedent. Our men of means are expected to blaze the way for the less able ones of the race, and protect us from the impudent assertion of a power not sanctioned by the federal laws. We hope this episode will not pass unnoticed by the the Negro press. The facts should be given the widest circulation, and the protest against discrimination in what has long has been our only safeguard from the measly state transportation rules should be emphasized in every proper form. The objection to the Negro who is likely to ride in a Pullman palace car cannot be justified upon any reasonable grounds, for only the best every attempt to travel so expensively. The blow is purely racial, and strikes every one of us in a vital spot. The right of the Pullman Company to so discriminate should be thoroughly tested in the court of last resort.

The rudiments of any calling are most thoroughly learned by commencing at the bottom, in the most menial position and mastering all the details one by one by actual experience. Intelligent men and women have long ago discarded the antiquated notion that they can only maintain their social and other prestige by being constantly "dressed up." A case, illustrating modern common sense methods in education is found in Baron Kimo Freither Von Eitz, a member of the German nobility, about twenty-six years of age, who is employed as a scraper in the locomotive department of the Michigan Central railroad at Jackson Junction, Mich. He is connected with the railroad department of the German government as a special apprentice to learn what he can of the American method of railroading. This is a rare object lesson to those of us who insist that our racial structure can be made durable by beginning at the top.

Mr. A. P. Prioleau, the colored contestant for the right to represent the First Congressional District of South Carolina, put up a strong plea before the committee on elections. Legare very clearly holds the certificate through fraud and intimidation. It would be an agreeable surprise to the nation if the committee should take on sufficient nerve to order the seating of Mr. Prioleau, who, though a Negro, is the rightful claimant.

Jacob Riis, the eminent sociologist and anti-slum agitator, discussing the mortality of whites and blacks in great cities reaches the conclusion that colored people die faster than whites under practically the same conditions. He says the colored people are going through the same experiences that other races went when they come into contact with an inherently stronger race. Mr. Riis, who lives in New York and knows all about "how the other half lives," says the colored people of the metropolis are cleaner and better cared for than are the whites who live in the same neighborhoods. The Negro, he says, lives far more comfortably in the settlements given over to that race than do the Jews, Italians, Chinese, Irish and Slavonic peoples in their peculiar reservations. Mr. Riis is laboring hard for improved tenement houses at cheap rents for the poorer classes of both races throughout the country Such an arrangement would reduce the menace to health that slum spots always are.

Tuskegee graduates go out imbued with the spirit of thrift, and understand the having grace of economy. Dr. R C Williams, class of '91, is a sample of the kind of young men Booker T. Washington is planting throughout the Southland. Last year Dr. Williams' practice brought him in $2,500; of this he put $1,300 in the bank. He have one of the prettiest homes in Augusta, Ga., keeps two horses and all of his properperty is fully paid for. He is saving, but is far from miserly, doing an excellent part in church and home charity support. Tuskegee is supplying leaders for the race, not training mere servants to be restricted to menial labor.

Mr. J. D. HOWARD,
Advertising Manager of The Freeman.

One of the most useful organizations among the women of Chicago is "The Elysium," devoted to social improvement and philanthropic and missionary endeavor among the poor and unfortunate. It has taken on new life during this new year, opening the season very auspiciously with a most successful open door entertainment. The officers of the club are: Anna B. Thomas, president; Blanche Wright, vice president; Gertrude Bradly, secretary; Edwina McCabe, corresponding secretary; Emilie B. Woods, treasurer. Other members are Mrs. George C. Hall, Endora Fisher, Estella Clark, Etta Evans, Mamie Riley, Daisy Boggett, Lutie Jackson, Victoria Bonds, Ethel Wiley, Maude Bogar and Stella Bonds.

A. G. Freeman, in a strong letter to the New York Age, riddles the pretensions of the "hot air orators" of Washington, City, who do nothing, practically, themselves but are eternally sitting in adverse judgment upon the efforts of energetic men who are building up the waste places of the earth. Mr. Freeman also unmercifully flogs that class of "manhood praters" who vociferate on Northern platforms, but who haven't the courage to live in the South, and who, whem offered the "jim crow" accomodations which they so elegantly criticise in public, accept the same without protest. The talkative Negro is everywhere, but unquestionably, he thrives most luxuriantly among the departmental classes of the nation's capital. Mr. Freeman, Mr. Menard and other observant writers at that point perform an appreciated service for the race when they puncture these wind bags and jawsmiths.

In response to the invitation of the editors of the Encyclopdia Americana, Dr. Booker T. Washington has written for this monumental work a special article on "Negro Education." His contribution is characterized by an optimism based upon history and statistics. Dr. Washington has also agreed to write "A Life of Frederick Douglass," to be added to the American Crisis Biographies series, projected by Dr. Ellis Paxton Oberholser, editor, and G. W. Jacobs & Co., Philadelphia, publishers. The ably edited Tuskegee Student says, in this connection:

"The Life of Frederick Douglass," by Booker T. Washington, certainly sounds inviting, and the book will probably have a large sale. It seems to us altogether appropriate and promising that the man who did most, after William Lloyd Garrison and perhaps John Brown to inflict the wounds of the civil war should have as biographer the man who has done most to bind them up."

SHARPS AND FLATS.

The Roosevelt and Fairbanks ticket has caught the country.

Charles E. Hall, of the Census office, is the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Appeal.

The Negro must build up business enterprises and thus develop employers for the boys and girls coming out of our schools.

This exacting age places a premium upon intelligence, character and industry. As a consequence our schools and colleges are crowded to their doors.

With three contesting delegations from Alabama the committee on credentials at the national convention will have a wide range of choice. The one most strongly for Roosevelt will be the best to let in.

Unfortunately Abraham Lincoln could not forsee the kind of training necessary to so fit a son for the presidency of a Pullman Sleeping Car Co., that he could deal in a Lincolnlike manner with the decendants of the emancipated slaves.

The Secretary of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union should be a layman. Will the ministerial contingent permit the General Conference to register the will of ninty-nine per cent of the people of the church?

The mere fact that a worthy grandfather voted forty years ago is no reason why an ignorant grandson should be allowed to vote today. Maryland will make a gigantic mistake if she gives her approval to the class distinction that will necessarily grow out of hereditary suffrage.

The Negro News Syndicate, the long cherished dream of Charles Satchell Morris, John Edward Bruce, the late Charles A. Johnson and others of the "Old Guard" of regular correspondents seems not far from realization, and on a paying basis, too.

The bone of the struggling writer of today is the newspaper editor (?) of presumed standing, who accept the matter, palms it off, frequently, as original with himself, and then "gets mad" because the author insists upon having his contract price—which price, however, invariably fails to materialize.

Dr. Austin M. Curtis, whose brilliant record as surgeon-in-chief at Freedman's Hospital, brought his merits conspicuously before the public, enjoys a lucrative practice in Washington. His office is finely equpped for every branch of medical service and his lavish outfit of instruments is not excelled in variety or quality by that of any other physician in the city. Dr. Curtis is the only man who ever performed two successful operations upon the same woman for the caesarian section.

It is only in the Negro newspapers tha the race can hope to find an adequate recital of its creditable achievements. Our Caucasion contemporaries glean the bulk of their information and inspiration concerning the Negro in and about the police court.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, who was known as the "protege of Frederick Douglass," appeared to marked advantage last Sunday at the Douglass Day memorial exercises of the Second Baptist Lyceum in Washington. Miss Davis is resting at home for a few weeks, preparatory to a spring itinerary covering Philadelphia, New York and Boston. She is to present an entirely new repertoire of dramatic and delsartion offerings.

Hiram Wheeler, son of Hon. Lloyd G. Wheeler, of Chicago, is taking an advanced course in agriculture at the University of Illinois. Besides making a fine record in his studies he won the 35 yard dash in a recent athletic contest, and thus secured a place on the 'Varsity team. He is the first colored student at the university to win such an honor in athletics. Mr. Wheeler graduated last year in both the academic and agricultural branches at Tuskegee Institute.

R. W. THOMPSON.

COMING AND GOING.

It is a notorious fact that every member of the race who follow the different profession for a livelihood are very shallow excepting, of course, his own profession. His own profession seems to be a sort of stagnant pool in which his mental faculties become submerged. He attains a certain degree of proficiency and there he remains. It is a rarity now-a-days to find a doctor, lawyer, preacher, musician, etc., of color who takes any interest in any subject outside of his chosen profession. Every one of the professions is a branch of knowledge, and a man who acquires one and then learns something of the other, becomes more proficient in the one acquired. They are elevators that lift him higher in his chosen profession. They round out a man and give him a finish that he could not otherwise attain. A professional man should be forever a student. When he ceases studying stagnation sets in, and he becomes a member of that class called "hasbeens." He should read the leading magazines of the different professions, for men are now so restless and active that almost every month some unknown and fundamental principle is being discovered and proclaimed to the world. The professional man should grasp this at first hand, and follow the threads of discussion. How can he do it unless he reads the professional magazines? Recently I met one of our professional musicians, a violinist, who by the way knew almost nothing in the other fields of knowledge. He had a composition by Paganini, who was, as far as technic was concerned, the greatest violinist the world has ever seen There was a part in this composition that when played failed to harmonize with the piano. I had the life

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LEADS THEM ALL

BRILLIANT RESUME OF WORK AND CONTRACTS

PLACED BY MR. J. D. HOWARD

The Freeman's Advertising Manager and Travelling Representative—Facts and Figures as Developed Since The Freeman's Great Find.

(By E. C. Knox, Manager.)

It is seldom I have time to air myself in the writing of articles, and as a consequence I have long since given over such matters exclusively to the staff. In this particular instance, however, I am forced to personally get out the following "stuff" since I, alone, as manager, know the extent and magnitude of the great work our advertising department has accomplished since in the hands of Mr. J. D. Howard.

In Mr. Howard we have certainly made a great find, as, no doubt, every Negro newspaper in the country will agree. It came about in this way: I had known Howard for a long time, in fact we were personal friends, one day, more in a joking manner than serious, I suggested that he try his fortune in journalism. In an indifferent manner, which, by the way, is one of his strongest characteristics, and, perhaps, the most potent weapon when in an exciting argument with the big advertising merchants throughout the country, he replied that he would "consider the matter." How long ago it all seems now, yet it has been but three short years ago.

At the time Howard was identified with the "racing game." To my surprise about three months after I had made him the suggestion to go into journalism there came a letter from him requesting me to send him all necessary paraphernalia, etc. He was in Montgomery, Ala., and ordered my reply to Savannah, Ga. His first efforts were confined to subscription work, and he certainly did wake them up. No doubt many who read this will recall some of his interesting letters and write-ups through the South about that time; especially Savannah, Jacksonville and New Orleans. It was in this latter city that Howard discovered that he could "make good" in contract work. At the time this country was greatly agitated over the question of allowing sugar to come in free from Cuba. All New Orleans was in a hubbub, especially the sugar circles. With that quick intuition that marks his personality he saw where he could put The Freeman in prominence. He called upon the president of the Sugar Exchange and made them understand that as The Freeman was the largest nationally circulated Negro journal in the world no better medium could possibly be adopted through which to voice the grievances of the black man to this government, in protest to what was about to destroy one of his chief sources of sustenance, namely: "The free importation of sugar into this country." The result was that he closed a contract for $600.00 for six editorials. No doubt some of these editorials are recalled by this mention. Howard was very much impressed with Mr. Charles Farwell, one of the sugar magnates of New Orleans. The next letter brought the information: "Good bye, subscription work, good bye. Write me in Chicago."

Then commenced the bombardment of the big mercantile houses in the Middle West, which has since attracted the attention of the entire periodical press. Already the growl of the lion is heard from the big white publications, who are assuming that Howard's success is due practically to the fact that he is a Negro, and the business he secures is of a patronizing nature. I wish these men could only know the various schemes and hard work this young man is subjected to I am sure they would be less inclined to think that Howard was getting his on the flowery beds of ease.

I am glad to be able to say that during the twelve months ending December 1, by his thrift, perseverence, hard work and industry Mr. Howard secured to this office $9,462 70, and I feel sure that if he keeps up the pace he has already started off with during the rest of 1904 that he will double his efforts of last year. Mr. Howard's commission is one half, and half of his travelling expenses paid.

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Free receipt that restores youthful vitality to men of all ages can now be had of the discoverer without cost--Cures nervous debility, prostatic trouble, emissions, etc., and restores normal nerve-power almost instantly.

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Now that they have found a new ingredient that makes cures 50 per cent quicker than formerly and practically gives the de-

sired effect over night the Dr Knapp Medical Co. of Detroit, the world's greatest authorities on the cure of vital weakness, want every weak man to write them for the free receipt that does this wonderful good, and full directions how to cure yourself privately at home. There is no man so old that this receipt will not make him feel like a youngster again; and middle-aged men who think their best days are gone will have a happy surprise in store for them. It is a blessing indeed to any man who is not a good as he used to be, and whether you are in the 20's or in the 60's the effect will be equally satisfactory and quick.

From what those who have used it say, a man can expect the change in less than 24 hours and a permanent cure in a short time. It cures nervous debility, premature discharge, undeveloped organs, emissions, varicocele, stricture, lack of power, exhaustion, etc., and cures it permanently to stay cured. It acts directly on the muscular tissue, mucous membranes, nerves and glands, and the effect is a comforting one indeed.

If you can make use of a receipt that brings about such happy results send your name and address today to the Dr. Knapp Medical Co., 949 Hull Building, Detroit, Mich, and it will be sent you by return mail together with directions for a private home cure and a descriptive booklet on your disease. all in an unmarked package.

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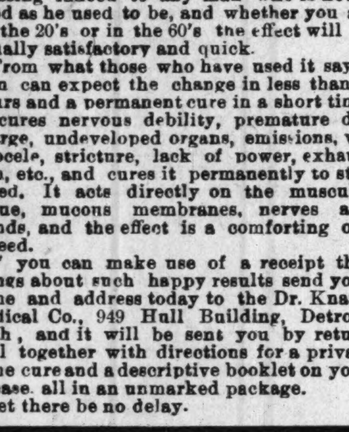

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There are some persons who believe that there is no truth to be gained from consulting a Medium, but such beliefs are contrary to the truth. It is only from the lack of discrimination that such a conclusion can be reached. It is not everyone who placards himself or herself as a Medium that can stand a test of what he or she claims And a person of any enquiring mind may ask the reason why. It is simply that these advisers do not take the trouble to study human nature. They do not spend their thoughts for a moment with acquiring the art of phrenology and kindred branches that will have a tendency to make the pathway to the road of the business clear and devoid of obstacles.

It is an undeniable fact that persons will come for advice—in full knowledge of what they want to know, and yet as soon as they confront a Medium they try their utmost endeavor to dispel from their minds what they know so as to hear if it will be rehearsed by the Medium. To get the secret out of a person by "pumping," in no few cases, is the art used by many unprincipled Mediums, but to take hold of the hand and gain control of the mind, thereby, is a matter of impossibility to most of them And yet this can be done, and by consulting **MRS MARTH** this seeming myster becomes a realization.

This subject has received no little attentio by eminent men and even college professor So it proves conclusively that although thei are infringers in our midst with "oily tongues perhaps, the gates of wisdom have not bee closed to the entire profession.

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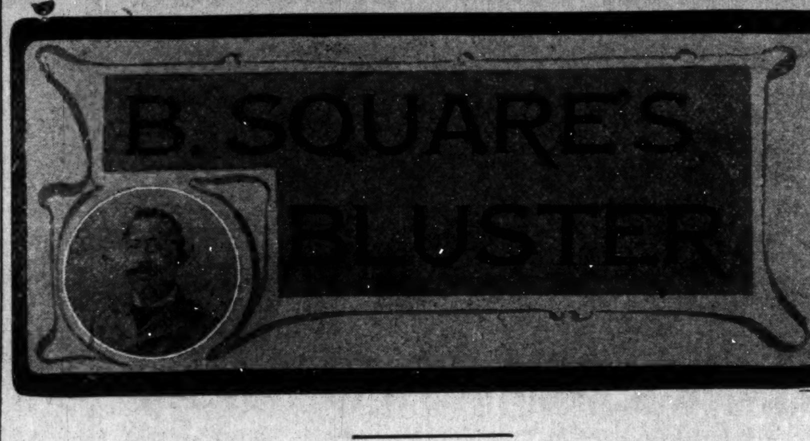

A CHILD'S DREAM.

(An actual dream put into verse by "Yours Truly.")

Last night when I was in my bed,
What fun there seemed to be;
I dreamed that I was Uncle Ned
And Uncle Ned was me.

I was dressed in his Sunday best,
The same as Uncle Ned;
In checkered suit and big, green vest,
And neck tie large and red.

I said: "We'll take a walk, Dear Jim,'
As he stood by my side,
Because I walked to fast for him,
My goodness! how he cried.

I thought we went to Prospect park;
My feet were almost froze.
I thought I skated 'round 'till dark
And fell upon my nose.

When we started home at night
We took a trolley car.
He cried and yelled with all his might
"I want to see my ma"

Just then I fell out of my bed,
And it was plain to see
That he was still my Uncle Ned
And I was simp y me.

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At this writing all is quite in Haiti. Gen Nord Alexis sits in the presidential chair. How long he will sit there time can only tell, as revolutions in the republics South of us (excepting Mexico) are like a bull fight to Spain, or a cricket game to England, or a foot-ball game to the Northern United States, or a Negro lynching to the Southern states of our beloved country.

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It is about time that Dr. J. M Henderson and other gentry of the cloth washed some more of the soiled linen of the A. M. E Church in the columns of The Freeman. These "washings" give the average layman that "tired feeling."

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Did you ever have a fright in the middle of the night? I did a few nights ago. I ate some canned lobster and peanuts and drank some milk. In the language of an other Brooklyn newspaper man I had a night mare.

"A man with his head under his arm came along and asked me if I wanted to buy his feet. I was just negotiating with him when the dragon on which I was riding slipped out of his skin and left me floating in midair. While I was considering how I should get down, a bull with two heads peered over the edge of the well and said he would haul me up if I would first climb out and rig a windlass for him. So, as I was sliding down the mountain side the breakman came in and I asked him when the train would reach my station. "We passed your station four hundred years ago," said he, calmly folding the traim up and slipping it into his vest pocket.

At this juncture the clown bounded into the ring and pulled the center pole out of the ground, lifting the tent and all the people in it up, up, up, while I stood on the earth below, watching myself go out of sight among the clouds above.

While I was wondering whether I should every meet myself again and whether it would be quite polite to speak to myself without an introduction, the stage driver announced that his horses had turned to stone, and before I had time to ask him what he was going to do about it I discovered that my legs had grown to be so long that I couldn't see my feet without a telecope.

I was seated on a horn of the moon, shortening my legs by tying bow knots in them when the young woman came out from behind the candy counter and said she had been looking all over creation for me, and now that she had found me she would never, never, never let me go from her sight again. At that instant, however, I looked both ways from the middle of the bridge, where I was standing and saw a train coming toward me from each direction. Then just before the trains met I looked over the edge of the basket and saw that the balloon was upside down, and rushing toward the earth with terrible velocity. So I opened the cellar door and went down stairs until I came to the attic, where I sat down on the bank of a broad river and knitted a pair of woolen socks for a rattlesnake. Then I awoke.

B. SQUARE.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR OF REV. LOMAX'S EPISCOPACY

FINAL PREPATORY MEETING

Of the General Conference—Bishopric and General Officers Material Plentiful—Rev. Thomas an Untiring and Energetic Worker in the Field.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. Editor:—A silver anniversary, commenorating the twenty-seventh year of the Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Lomax, D D, episcopacy in the A. M. E. Zion Church will be celebrated with eclat on March 8-10, ensuing at Charlotte, N. C.

This meeting may be called a harbinger of the general conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church. At this place the bench of Bishops are to have their final quadrennium meeting together with the several administrative boards and general departmental officials of the church, preparatory to the meeting of the general conference. This will be a meeting of no tame or trite significance when taking into consideration the number of aspirants for bishop and general officers. Each and many of them will then have a prelimiraary opportunity to display their scholarly wares, and exhibit fruits and graces for the offices aspiring.

The North Carolina Conference was the creator of this anniversary movement by a resolution of Rev. W. J. Moore, D. D, who was made chairman of the general committee of arrangements with Rev. C. O. H. Thomas, D D., L. L. B., as its secretary. Dr Thomas is an untiring worker, and well versed in matters of this kind, being adopted to it and who is pushing the arrangements, and, from all reports will publish a uniqe, systematic, methodical, well arranged program for thirteen services.

Every conference will be fully represented. Distinguished personages of both sexes, near and remote, are to be present, and the best talent in music and oratory will mark an era at this eventful gathering. The editors of the leading Negro papers, not excepting the Freeman, will come in for a full lion's share of quill-driving symposiums.

The exercises will be help principally at Grace A. M. E. Zion Church during the day, and to be presided over by the bishops in turn. This church is said to be of the finest brick, completely arranged and well furnished churches in North Carolina and compares with any other fine church in the connection. This church was built by Editor Dr. J. W. Smith, and reflects lasting credit to his management as a pastor, and in the meantime editing the Star of Zion. The night services of the anniversary will be held at Grace, Clinton and Little Rock Churches repectively. The celebration will close with a banquet, given by Bishop Lomax and the resident pastors of Charlotte, which will be no hackneyed or docile affair.

VERITAS

In Social Circles.

Utica, N. Y., Special.—At Post Reynolds' hall February 5 the "Friendly" club, composed of the members of Central City Commandry No. 16, K. of P., and Starlight Chapter No. 6, O. E. S., held their first installation, which was a success. It was the largest party of of the season, there was whist parties, vocal and instrumental selections rendered and dancing enjoyed. Prof Pell's orchestra furnished the music. Refreshments were served and all present had a merry time. Eminent Commander A. C. Denike and Worthy Matron Mrs. James Pell were in charge of the arrangements. The club expects to move in rooms of their own where they will be able to entertain guests from out of town when in the city.—Mr and Mrs Bowdin have taken rooms by themselves after being for over twenty years in the employe of the Ridgires family.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry of Whitesboro street, is entertaining her mother who are here from the East.—Quite a number Uticans went last week to Dallsville to the ball and report a good time.—Last week there was a club started here by the title of the "Rose Bud Social and Benefit Club." The officers are: President, Theodore Pell; Vice Presdent, Mrs Mary Baker; Treasurer; Mrs. L Pell; Secretrry, Miss Grace Locke. They started out with twenty members.

A Chance For All.

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DIVORCE LEGALS.

Myrtle E. Jones vs William H Jones } State of Indiana, Marion Co., ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion county In the State of Indiana. No. 13122 Complaint Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 8th day of February 1904 the above named plaintiff by her attorneys, filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant William H. Jones and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant William H Jones is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 6th day of April, 1904.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 6th day of April 1904, the same being the 3rd judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in April 1904 said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in his absence.

WM. E. DAVIS, Clerk

A. H. DICKEY, Attorney for Plaintiff, 44 N. Delaware Street

DIVORCE LEGAL.

Anna Thomas vs John Thomas } State of Indiana, Marion Co. ss.: in the Circuit Court of Marion County in the State of Indiana. No. 13107 Complaint Divorce

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 28th day of Jan 1904 the above named plaintiff, by her attorneys, filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant John Thomas and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant John Thomas is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 1st day of April 1904.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 1st day of April 1904, the same being the 23rd judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in March 1904 said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence

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Molino, Fla., Nov. 14, 1902.

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F. J.

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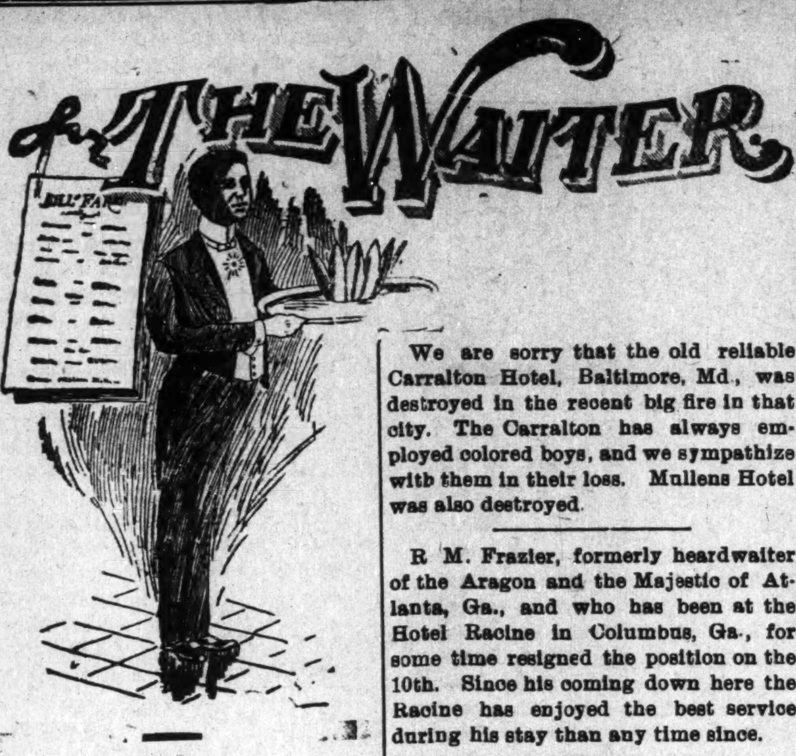

Edited By
W. FORREST COZART.

William Johnson is headwaiter at the Creve Cour Club, Peoria, Ill.

Lee A. Lampkin, formerly headwaiter at the Eastman Hotel, Hot Springs, Ark., has opened up a catering establishment in Chicago.

J. H. McKenney has resigned the headwaiter's position at the Hotel Fey, Peoria, Ill, and has been succeeded by one of his sidewaiters.

Charles Saunders, well-known head waiter and caterer of St. Paul, Minn., is now third waiter at the Eastman Hotel, Hot Springs, Ark

J. C. Donley, formerly headwaiter at the Boody House. Toledo, Ohio, is now in charge of a cafe car on the Pere Masquette railroad with headquarters at Chicago.

Frank Silsby, formerly headwaiter at the Galt House, Louisville, Ky,, has succeeded Al. Roberts as headwaiter at the Vendome Hotel, Chicago, Ill., and is assisted by J. W. Eubanks.

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We are sorry that the old reliable Carralton Hotel, Baltimore, Md., was destroyed in the recent big fire in that city. The Carralton has always employed colored boys, and we sympathize with them in their loss. Mullens Hotel was also destroyed.

R M. Frazier, formerly heardwaiter of the Aragon and the Majestic of Atlanta, Ga., and who has been at the Hotel Racine in Columbus, Ga., for some time resigned the position on the 10th. Since his coming down here the Racine has enjoyed the best service during his stay than any time since.

Girls are taking the place of men as waiters in hotels, in restaurants and railway eating houses all over the country, especially in the North and Northwest, and to some extent in the South. Of course there must be a good reason for the change, and the principal one is that, while a man, white or black, is capable of giving better service and doing more work than the girl, yet, as the general average of men "size up," guests in many instances prefer the waitress. She is apt to be more polite, courteous and not such a strenuous worker for the perquisite attached to the profession. If the men waiters intend to remain in the field in the smaller cities they may far better form organizations whereby they increase their willingness to give as good service and please the public as well as their rivals and competitors instead of going into unions and striking for higher wages —Hotel World.

Rev. Montrose W. Thornton, pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. church at Wilmington, Del., who so strongly denounced the burning of George White in that city a few months ago, is one of the few colored preachers who has the ability, nerve and determination to defend his race from the barbarism of the lawless whites. The Democrats of Delaware recently declared that they would disfranchise the Negro as the State of Maryland has done. Replying to the above announcement Rev. Thornton delivered a sermon recently in which he said:

"Delaware is surely a stench in the nostrils of all respectable States. Not yet free from the fumes of her human bonfire, she has the audacity so soon to come to the surface again and ask the nation to accept at her hands the candidate for Chief Executive. In this city the Democratic League assumed to outline in part the platform for which their candidate would stand, and which they have recommended as the policy of the party. Any party that cannot produce better men than Gorman, Tillman, Vardaman, Marvel and men of their stamp has outlived its usefulness, and is not worthy of an altar in the fuming regions of the lower world.

"Some Negroes have been Negroes betrayed into supporting those Molochs, and, even now, will have a few tears to shed at my words. But they are not worthy of mention and the sooner they are cast from our trust and confidence the sooner will the race obtain security and strength. My prescription for all such traitors and rebels as are so base as to cast a vote for this nigger-hating hound of a party is that they should have their right arms cut off close to the shoulder and placed like the skull of George W. White in saloons, as exhibits of perfidy."

The Negroes, he said, would protest, and if justice was not meted out, an appeal would be made to the nations of the world."

Rev. Montrose W. Thornton was born Feb. 3, 1873, in the city of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. His minor life, until he arrived at the age of fifteen years, was spent in school. When. by the removal of his parents to DesMoines, Ia., he was compelled to remove just in the prime of his school days, at which time he had entered high school He was converted when but a boy of eight years old, and joined the A. M. E. church. After going to DesMoines his parents sent him to Drake University to qualify for the ministry. and on June 16, 1892, he completed the theological course. Rev. Thornton is a born orator, and at the age of sixteen he won many debates from men many years his senior on such subjects as the 'Race Problem," "Home and Foreign Mission." On Dec. 29, 1892, he won a gold medal as the champion Afro-American orator of the State of Iowa. At the age of nineteen he become the author of "The White Negro," a most excellent book on the race problem. "The White Negro" did not treat of the Negro's skin, but of his heart. Rev. Thornton claims that "color is only skin at the best, and is no manifestation of inward principles." Rev. Thornton is an ex-waiter, and at one time was in the employ of the editor of this department.

Kansas City Notes.

Since few of us can choose events
We make a passing note;
Some find their lives served a la carte,
And others table d'hote.

The "Smart Set," one of the cleanest and most amusing collection of colored stars, have just finished a week at the Auditorium, having been encored nightly. They are to be followed by the ever popular Black Patti Troubadours. It is now evident that of the different vocations to which our people take for a livelihood the stage has the advantage, not only the most paying but is the more successful, being different from the press, pulpit, etc. A black prima donna or troubadours can draw as large an audience as any other. Its the goods the public wants in this line. I cherish hopes of witnessing young Afro-Americans in tragedy and grand opera or any role that is void of the ancient Negro humors The reporter wants to know why some of our influential veteran waiters or headwaiters don't put forward an effort to organize a Protective League (national) by which we as waiters can exist on a more brotherly basis. Owing to the haphazard state of affairs the spirit of unity is almost obliterated.

ARTHUR GREENE.

From Pittsburg, Pa.

On Monday evening, Feb. 1, at 9:30 the dignitaries of the auxiliary of the Head and Second Waiters' National Benefit Association assembled at Colonial Hotel, corner Wylie and Logan streets, on a very expedient occasion.

The fact that it was necessary to disband the old auxiliary and reorganize on a more stupendous basis, the idea of celebrating the reconstruction was conceived by Mr. John T. Gilbert, ex-president of the local order. Those who were present placed no restriction on their wit and humor. Every one was in good spirits; but, happily, their was no spirits in any one. These being the elite of the profession of course was a sufficient guarantee that no sparkling beverage could have been introduced; therefore the eloquence which flowed came out in torrents from minds as bright and clear as the morning dew, and as they partook of the delicacies spread before their ardent gaze, I am sure the repast was assimilated by the gastric juice a la natural. "Home aint nothing like this."

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Mr. Henry Jones asked the blessing. Mr. John T. Gilbert acted as toastmaster and uttered his usual witty sayings, and as the letter of regret was received from Mr. Cozart The drank to his health—long live the father of the organization.

Mr. G H. Williams, headwaiter from Alegheny City, made some pleasing remarks as did the following chieftains: H. Pettigrew, H. J. Fowler, George Robb, Albert Parr, C. A. Anderson, William Burton, J. J. Jennings, Lewis Gordan, D. Williams and T. Syers.

Messrs. Elwood C. Knox, manager of The Freeman, and Mr. Frank P. Thompson of New York, president of the national organization, dispatched their regrets and expressed their inability to attend the occasion. Several members brought invited guests whose presence lent a deeper tone to the feast of the enthusiastic headwaiters. Mr. H. J. Fowler enjoys the distinction of being president of the Pittsburg fraternity.

CHARLES P. ROBINSON.

JUSTICE TO A GREAT MAN.

Editor Freeman—I write you to do justice to a great man, Rev. E. W. Lampton, the financial secretary of the A. M. E. Church, and grand master of the noble order of the Masonic fraternity of the great State of Mississippi. These strokes of the pen are true and worth the attention of the world, white and colored. His record as the financial secretary of the A. M. E church stands out as prominent as a mountain peak, too high to be covered, and it wou d be selfish in me, the church and the race if we did not laud them. He is valuable indeed to the race and the church. His greatness does not stand out in cheap write-ups in printer's ink, for indeed the papers and the writers have had little or nothing to say of him, but his work speaks volumes as is indicated. The finances of the Masonic Grand Lodge in Mississippi stands at the head of all the world of its kind; for all the twenty years, like a civil monarch, he has stood at the head of this order; never having been called in question; not a single charge of crookedness; not the dotting of an "i" or the crossing of a "t" against his character. He has had under his control the handling of nearly $60,000 annually, and the debts and credits balance in their proper column—a business man from "M" to stem; a speaker on the order of a Demostheness, a trend of the thought, as sweet as a McKinley, as magnetic as a Blaine and as winning as a rose of the valley. His heart is composed of the dew drop of Mt. Herman—never offensive, but always affable and approachable and kind. He has wound up his year's work with a great surplus and purchased 2,000 acres of land in the

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American valley of the Nile, the richest and best known to geography of the world. The Nile of Egypt is not to be compared to the Mississippi river valley. These 2 000 acres of land could be made a basis to maintain 100,000 people. This wholesale land purchase is the dawning of the morning star for the success of the American Negro England does not consider a man a full fledged citizen until he is a freeholder (fee simple to land by deed or concession) The owning of land is the evoluter of freedom and citizenship. When the Negroes of the South shall commence to own the land along the Mississippi river as they ought they can soon dictate to the spindles of America and Liverpool. Lampton has his eyes open. He looks far in advance. He sees our shores crowded. He sees Castle Garden crowded at the landing of all foreign ships. He sees the land sharks laying hands on all good lands. He desires to do the same. You don't catch Lampton building fine halls in the city with the Negroes' money, but he buys land—agricola. He knows the strength of his people—that they are an agricultural people—and goes out and commences the foundation of an empire for his people. This is leadership. Brother Lampton, if you don't see what you want, call for it, and the race will get it for you.

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Thank You.

Philadelphia, Penn., 1904.

W. FORREST COZART,
Editor Waiter's Page,
The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:—I am, indeed, very glad that you have again taken charge of the waiter's page of The Freeman, and this is the first chance I have had to congratulate you on your new administration, and I hope to see in the near fufure a continuance of the good work go on that you have so nobely taken up in behalf of the waiter, who is everybody's humble servant.

SANDY BROWN.

THE CONVENTION CITY.

A Correspondents Vaporings—Local, Personal and Business Items.

Springfield, Ill., Special.—Springfield is truly the convention city. On the 12th the Republican State Convention will be held here and in June the Democratic State Convention will also convene in Illinois' famous and historic law making center.

The fight for the different offices is becoming fierce, yet when you sift everything there is harmony among the Republicans. The gubernatorial fight is the most prominent one, yet there are many other important and lucrative places at which the hungry fellows are poking their 'mits."

The Afro-American Business Men's League endorsed the Ambidexter Institute and will aid Dr. G H. McDaniels, the president, in raising funds to reach the destined heights.—The Leland hotel continues to be a very busy place. Mr. Thomas Walker is now headwaiter, and is conducting the business in a creditable way. Mr. Walker has been an employe for some time under J. W. Young. He is an affable young man, sober and respectable, and will meet the approbation of all.—Shelly Jones is still at the Leland. Shelly is a very courteous young man, who attends to his business in a gentlemanly manner, and is liked by the proprietors. He is making a special study of Shakespear's dramas. Thomas Fry, who has been at the Leland for over thirty years, is still to be found there hearty, and doing his work as head porter every day. Mr. Jones, known as the "dummy," is still an indispensable factor at the Leland.

The cafe is in charge of E. B Smith and is conducted in better style than ever before. His associates are: Messrs C. A Brown, Flanagan, Toles, Nesby, Burke—Thompson Bros., continue to do a good business. Their stock is the increase—The Ambidexter Institute is putting forth some good work.—Negro business enterprises are increasing.—The revival at the Union Church was a success.—The zero weather here has caused much zero feeling.—Parties wishing The Freeman please call at Thompson's store, or telephone, main 1752,—Robert Watson has purchased the Edeweiss restaurant on East Jefferson street. Mr. Watson is quite an affable young man and should have success. He will succeed.—Dr Henderson is busy all the time, his practice is much.—St. Paul Church organized a literary society recently.—Major Anderson died last week. The Major was for many years a soldier, having served over half of his life in the service. His furneral was largely attended by the state malitia.—Watch these columns for Springfield news.

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NOTICE.

We desire to say that Grant S. Neal formerly connected with The Freeman as solicitor, is no longer serving in that capacity. Obligations contracted by him will not be honored by us.

AS TO HARRY B. SMITH.

The following letter from William H. Jackson speaks for itself. He was in Mr. Smith's office and consequently is competent to speak for him:

To the Editor of The Freeman:

Dear Sir — I desire to announce, through the columns of your paper, that I was appointed a deputy in the County Auditor's office by Col Harry B. Smith (at that time Auditor of Marion County) in 1895, and remained with him until 1899. During that time I was paid the same salary, did the same work and was accorded the same courtesies as any of my white associates, without any discrimination whatever, during the number of years that we were affiliated We came in contact daily, personally, with each other, and I always found him to be consistent and fair with all. Our difference was a personal matter, settled entirely between ourselves.

Yours respectfully,
WM H JACKSON.

Indianapolis, Feb. 16 1904.

Without any prejudice whatever to Mr. Metzger, who has proven to be a friend of the race, it is to be hoped that Mr. Harry B. Smith will be given a square deal and not handicapped by matters of a personal nature in his contest for County Chairman. Mr. Jackson was in Mr. Smith's office, and, as is shown by his letter, he was treated as other men. We feel safe in saying to Mr. Smith that the colored people have nothing against him; they have no punishment to mete out. If he is not successful it will simply be because the other man won and not because the colored people opposed him.

PAVED THE WAY WITH MONEY.

It is going the rounds of the colored press that Bishop Arnett of the A. M. E. Church paid $81 50 for an entire extra sleeper from Cincinnati to Mobile, Ala., rather than ride in a "jim crow" car. Presuming that he did it, it shows conclusively that he was able to do so. The form of retaliation may have been balm to the bishop's wounded pride; but, to say the least, it was a very expensive contribution. His example will not become contagious; however, not that the thing should be done at all, but its a pity owing to the inability to do so.

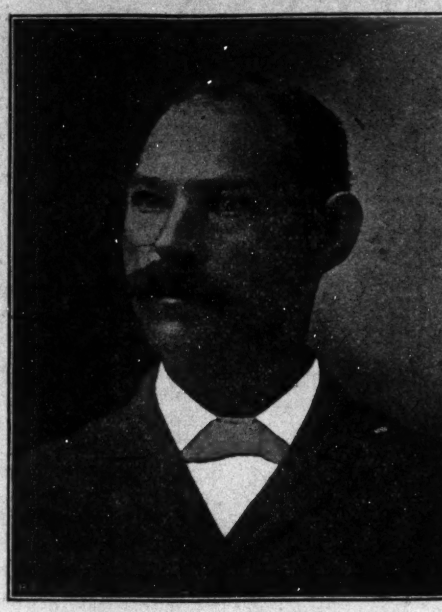
It is a sorry state of affairs when the great men of the race are denied the privileges of the best accommodations or even comfort so desired on long, tedious journeys. The Pullman people, it appears, have issued orders concerning their southern passenger traffic which, judging by results, is about the same as carried out all over the South. The Pullman cars have for years been the hope of the better class of colored people, standing between them and what is considered the special cars called in derision "jim crow" cars, but they have surrendered to the "enemy" and the colored traveler will find it difficult business in escaping the "jim crow" iniquity in the future.

To inveigh against the increasing civil disorders indeed seems puerilish in face of the rate of increase, and also the lack of the kind of interest that tells and by those that should be most concerned. There are spasmodic efforts to stem the tide of the Amazon of wrongs, but it is of short duration. In fact the greater means lying beneath all of the difficulty is not given the considerations necessary to a successful end. Wealth is the greatest of the forces in bolstering the situation. Any race or any individual will appreciate with it; it will greatly counteract the tendency of anti-Negroism which is gradually closing in on the race as the hare and the snake. The dollar is almighty, the great leveler of distinctions. And it is not beyond the Negroes to amass dollars; they can enrich their kind by the thousands, give comfort and plenty to the hundreds of thousands if they simply preferred. It is here again that Booker T. Washington clearly demonstrates his superiority as leader by advocating the things most needed. His fool critics, affected with longsightedness or is it myopia (?), are chasing after him when he has the keys to the situation; they do not seek the keys; but his undoing His Negro Business Men's League was born of the notion and will succeed because of its sanity.

The colored people of Pittsburg, Pa., claim that they spend $25,000,000 yearly; they should next give a table of the names of colored men who are worth $10,000 and up or $5 000 and up Surely such an amount of money is not carried immediately back to those from which it came. But we dare say that such is the case. Its the case everywhere. If the colored people did not earn the money there would be some excuse, but they do; in Pittsburg, in Indianapolis, in short everywhere. Fortunes could be made by the scores in the same number of years in every considerable community of colored people if there were that oneness of feeling along this line. The white man that's down and out is scarcely a subject of mercy; he does not have the color prejudice to overcome; he knows very well that all he lacks is money. Education is but a means, we again insist. The educated moneyless man is more to be pittied than the uneducated one; bringing us to the old saw; that where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise.

Not many colored men can pay $81 50 for a ride on the cars, as was the case of Bishop Arnett, but if we had them by the hundreds of thousands the white men would quit training glasses or trying microscopes on passengers. Colored men who are in the front must talk up the requirements as well as talking up rights. Rights are not things operative of their own generative forces, but are conducted and inducted by those who also stay them; hence the appeal is but from Cæsar to Cæsar. There is convincing proof that the root of the matter has not been reached by the race when considering the civil ills. There must be a fundamental social reformation, and in which personal virtue is only the accompanying incident; not the essential to salvation, although an expected incident; but the reformation must be along the lines of progression as based on wealth, and until such time comes every event, any event, may be seized upon and magnified for the purpose of minimizing personal virtue, to-wit: Gov. Vardaman, if you please. The accumulation of wealth may be a vulgar theme, but then it's a vulgar world, and like any common thing, it is hidden. But who will gain say it, that the propelling force of American society is largely made up of dollars? And then at the risk of appearing sacrilegious; get wisdom, get understanding, but with all thy getting, get money.

A 20TH CENTURY LEADER



REV. C. S. BROWN,
The Man and His Work.

No living man in the race today deserves more creditable mention than Dr. C. S. Brown of Winston, N. C. This eminent scholar and organizer is a gentleman of most uncommonly excellent qualities, a man of easy approach, tender and quick in his sympathies, almost feminine in his attention to the suffering, yet with all, he is a gentleman of great thought power, a man of purpose, whose soul finds expression in every word he utters. Dr. Brown was born to lead. Testimonials strengthening this assertion may be gathered from the following facts: His are the largest churches in his association and he has pastored them for years without change. He is best loved where he is best known. He is the chief officers of his association, the largest and richest in the state. He is president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and president of the Lott Cary National Baptist Convention. All of these honors he wears with charming grace; but he is more, for he is founder and president of the Water's Normal Institute of Winston, N. C.

As an educator, the man's exceptional character comes to the front. In the face of every conceivable opposition, he has built up a monumental institution and still he builds. His school seems born of magic and pluck. No legislative appropriation cheered him to his work. Instead of friends to applaud his first, seemingly feeble efforts, there were those who stood aloof and cried, aha! aha!! but the hour had come and man was there. Today he points to his work with becoming pride. Waters Nornal Institute is one of the best schools of the state.

Painful reflection upon human nature it is, to say, that this great man has his foes, his critics, but like the truly great, he points to his works and before that, they stand dismayed, for the logic of deeds is crushing, convincing.

The Colored American of Washington, says of him:

"To visit the home of the gentleman of whom we write is an inspiration to anyone, and one soon discerns the characteristics and influences that act so effectively to place him forward as a progressive leader. He has a modest, comfortable home of twelve rooms, neatly furnished, and a happy and devoted family. Mrs. Brown, his companion, is a woman of superior worth—modest, cordial, talented and entertaing, and exerts an influence, as a noble woman only can do to sweeten the home, and comfort and encourage her great and overburdened husband in the discharge of the manifold duties devolving upon him. Their home-life might be regarded as a model. They are the parents of eight strong and healthy, children—four boys and four girls. Dr. Brown spends much of his leisure time with the children, caressing the "little ones." No public man is more intensely devoted to his family than Dr. Brown."

"He has induced the people to secure comfortable homes, and nowhere do you find the colored people in general in better circumstances. He has taught them the great doctrine of self-help and nowhere do the colored people give more for race enterprises than here. He has taught them not to despise their white brethren, and nowhere are the people stronger for co-operation than here. He is a strong leader, a broad-guaged leader, a safe and faithful leader. The people love him because they know that he loves his race; they follow him because they trust him, and have the utmost confidence in his leadership."

The beautiful little town of Winton is fairly alive with Negro business houses. Among merchants we have E. R. Jones with a nice stock of dry goods and groceries. C. D. Nickins does a good business along the same line. Thomas Jernigan is a most successful grocer, and big hearted to the center. Rufus Bizzel is an expert machinist and a smith of the first water, and the only undertaker in the town, Mr. Catus, a colored gentleman, is postmaster, a man of means and quite a gentleman. He is quite a friend to The Freeman. Miss Alice Turner is doing a good work among the little ones in her school. With all these forces in operation Winton bids for notice. You shall hear from me again touching these intelligent, progressive Negroes.

WANDERER.

SENATOR MARCUS A. HANNA, DEAD.

In the death of Senator Hanna is removed one of the great figures of America's political and social life. His popularity was of phenomenal growth. A few years ago, leading up to the time of McKinley's first nomination and election, Mr. Hanna was not known in general politics; he was a successful business man who for some reason was allied with the money lending variety that exacted its pound of flesh. In making his advent into politics that reputation followed him, all of which he succeeded in disproving except that of being a boss. He was a political boss, injecting the same methods into politics as characterized his business career and succeeded quite as eminently, but it brought him javelins of hate manifested by the most malignant and persistent cartooning known to the press, up until the death of McKinley. Unless Mr. Hanna was exceedingly callous he had an education by way of cartoons which, perhaps, had much to do in actually changing Mr. Hanna's views of politics and society; the Hanna of later days was the idol of the party, of guilds and federations of men.

Whatever enduring glory comes to the senator will be based upon his great organizing ability. If he had lived in England he would have been Prime Minister according to fitness and disposition. Although he gave no evidence of the genius statesman; he was a business man who could put measures through. He wanted to see his friend McKinley through; between the two existed a sort of David and Jonathan love that death alone divided. He brought his business methods into politics; how to control the market, rather than how to create one. But his splendid success in controlling, supplying the demand won him his party's admiration, and which after all is the politician's virtue; the ability to control and to place He also had that other qualification of the successful politician; he was faithful to his friends.

Senator Marcus Alonzo Hanna, junior senator of the State of Ohio, died Tuesday evening, February 15th, amid loving friends, relatives and eminent professors of the medical science who did all they could to prolong his life. In him the country loses a distinguished man, a recognized leader of men. As a pacifier of social strife he perhaps had no equal. His contribution along that line has rendered greatly to the stability of the present situation between capital and labor. A great, good man has paid life's exacting toll.

Roscoe Conkling Bruce has received a telegram from Prof. Wilcox of Cornell University, in which he declares that he has never written or uttered, and does not believe the "conclusions" imputed to him by Gov. Vardaman in the last issue of Leslie's Weekly. This telegram refers to statements made in an article by Vardaman in Leslie's Weekly, in which he attempts to make Prof. Wilcox the authority for a number of allegations concerning Negro criminality.

Some of these days the troubles of Santo Domingo will be over, and it will be writ San Domingo, U. S. A.

Rev. E. L Gilliam, formerly of Simpson Chapel Church of this city, is now editor of the Pulpit and Pew of Columbus, Ohio, which promises to be instrumental in serving the purposes for which it was called into existence. Rev. Gilliam is a man of education with some reputation as a writer along industrial and social lines as they concern the races. He does not care for ornament as a style of writing, but is given to saying things right out, clear and forcibly, which fact makes him respected and feared. He will be assisted by Rev. R. R. Downs, editor of the Methodist Department and Rev. W. L Burr, editor of the Baptist Department, both being men of education. The editorial trio is strong and should be able to make an enviable career for their undertaking.

Dr. C. S. Brown of Winton, N. C. is deserving of much praise owing to his accomplishments and present work in his home. He has successfully pastored the largest churches in his State and is now the honored president of his association, the leading organization of the Baptist church, president of the Baptist State Convention and president of the Lott Cary National Baptist Convention. He is also the founder of Waters Normal Institute of Winton, which institution has flourished as if by magic without legislative aid. Those who stood aloof when the school was in its incipiency have nothing but praise for the signal success that has crowned his efforts. Dr. Brown is a valuable man to his community, his influence for good being felt far and near.

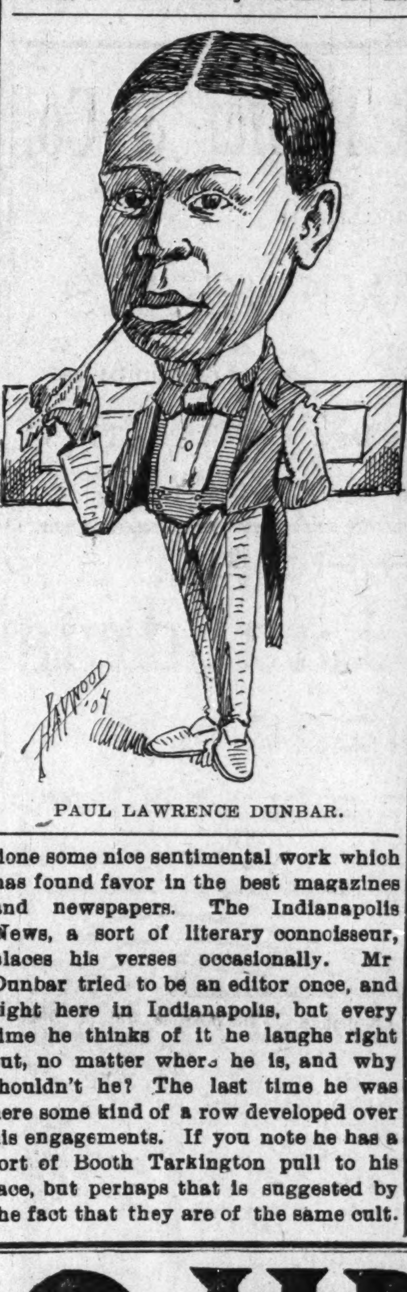
The celebration of Lincoln's birthday by a number of the colored men of this city—by a banquet and speeches—was a fitting recognition of the eminent services of the distinguished Lincoln to the country, and to the race. It took place last Friday evening, under the auspices of the Sumner League, an organization which is looking out for the civil and political interests of the race.

Stanley P. Mitchell, of ex-slave pension fame, is now conducting a home for ex-slaves in Memphis, Tenn., a more hopeful business than the mirage he was chasing

PENCILINGS.

By W. Milton Lewis, Indianapolis, Ind.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar, poet; its no joke. Mr. Dunbar, whose facial typography is suggestive of Ireland, is the one concededly Negro Poet and whose genius by the way is not influenced by his white blood Dunbar is an ebony black boy of Dayton, Ohio, who one day, while conducting an elevator, his usual wont (that's poetry) he discovered that he was inflicted with the divine inflatus albeit of an ordinary microbe, but which he has since cultivated until he has developed a very high toned disease. Mr Dunbar is pre-eminent in his Negro dialect and as a writer and a reader. He was recognized by W. D Howells several years ago, who used his literary ex rays on him, saw through him, and pronounced him good. Since then Mr. Dunbar has had fairly easy sailing in the literary world. He has



PAUL LAWRENCE DUNBAR.

done some nice sentimental work which has found favor in the best magazines and newspapers. The Indianapolis News, a sort of literary connoisseur, places his verses occasionally. Mr Dunbar tried to be an editor once, and right here in Indianapolis, but every time he thinks of it he laughs right out, no matter where he is, and why shouldn't he? The last time he was here some kind of a row developed over his engagements. If you note he has a sort of Booth Tarkington pull to his face, but perhaps that is suggested by the fact that they are of the same cult.

PRAISE FROM WASHINGTON CITY

Mr. Hervey S. Knight, a Well Known Patent Attorney, 908-914 G St. N. W., Washington, D. C., Says:

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Mr. Tarkington is in Rome now doing stunts along the Appian Way; he saw the Pope and actually talked with him. The Pope told him he had read the "Gentleman from Indiana," and we insert by interpolation "and now I am very glad to see him." Mr. Booth is expected home in time to run for the legislature again. The boys await his unadulterated Cuban importations. See?

Japan is proving the Veritable Tarter in her fight with Russia. The snappy Japs have, so far, gotten in their works, but what will drowsy, old Russia do, when she wakes up? Will she wake up?

Mr. Willie Hearst is persistent; the Democrats are becoming alarmed at his progress. The Democratic convention had a stampede once. Will it have another one?

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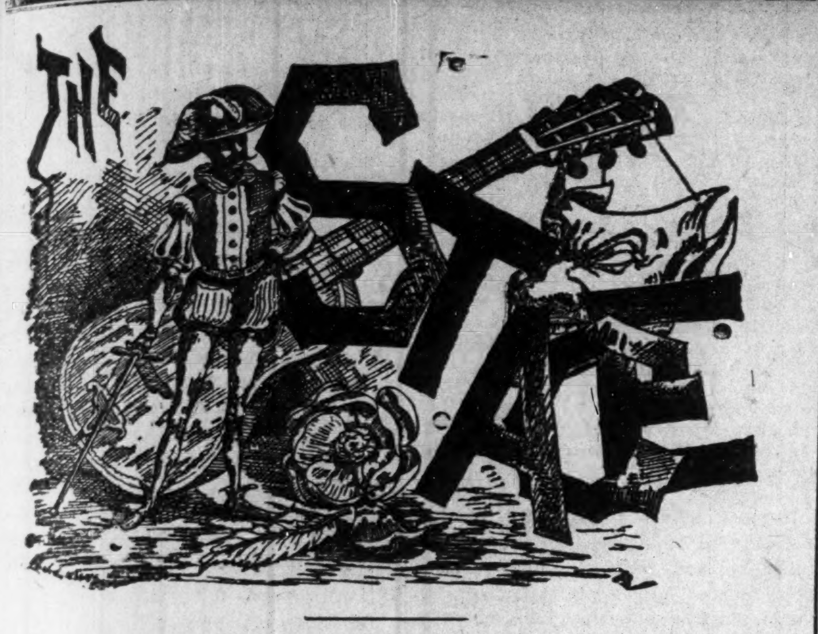

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NASHVILLE STUDENTS P. G. LOWERY—Wichita, Kan., Feb. 23; Caldwell, 2 ; Medford, O. T., 25; Enid, 26; King Fisher, 27.

MALLORY BROS. & BROOKS (Fenberg Stock, Co.)—New Bedford, Mass., week of Feb 22.

A SMART SET—Cincinnati, O, Feb. 21 to 27.

Harry Eaton is reported to have died at Worcester, Mass., about four weeks ago. His stage career will be reviewed in our next issue by Sylvester Russell.

I will have three new songs to be let for next season; to be had for almost your own price. Two good coon songs, one for lady coon song singer, one for man on the extreme end, and chorus song for girls in boys uniform. Dead swell. Address, Pinto, Dramatic News, New York.

Kid Clark of Youngstown, N. Y., took sick while en route from Niagara Falls, N. Y., to Hot Springs, Ark., his condition being such as to delay him here. The doctor attends him daily at the residence of Mrs. Helms 219 Central avenue.

Notes from the famous Billy Kersands' Minstrel Co.—We are back again in the sunny districts of the South and are doing the same business right along—have been East as far as Norfolk and while our businesss was exceedingly good we are proud to be back again in the sunny South in order to miss some of the tough stormy weather, and enjoy the pleasant sunny climate. We now have the weather as well as our business, is fine We are still on the boards with every eye seemingly looking for us and that is all we wish as we have the goods they are looking for.

Notes of the Alabama Minstrel.—Our season so far has been a solid financial success, and business is immense. We are still in Nebraska, and we have experienced some very cold weather. Our performers are giving the best of satisfaction. We played in Howell, Neb., February 2 and packed them to the doors. Our first part is a winner. It is a sensational storm, and sets them all a talking. Mr. John P. Hunter sends regards to Attrus Hughes, also to Daddy White, and also would like to hear from them. Jeff Smith sends regards to Ollie Gilliam and Tom Logan. John "Pop" Adams sends regards to the Hendersons. Ted and Harry Morton, Lloyd Cooper, Oliver Perry and Q. H. Clark sends regards to Pop West, Found Woods, Ben Coverington and the Campbell Bros. Wm. Johnson wishes to be remembered to all all his friends in and out of the profession

Notes of Allen's New Orleans Minstrel.—We are back in the state of Louisiana. Business good. Billy Watts is on the sick list. We have now a black top, as an annex to the big show, reproducing the burning of the Iroquois theatre This top has never been large encough to hold the crowd, so the manager has put in an order for a larger top. We played Beaumont, Texas, to a large house. That being Joe Norton's home He had a swell dinner arranged at the resident of Mrs. Annie Booth, 167 Jackson avenue. It was a grand affair. The boys are still talking about it. Prof. McCamon sends regards to Prof. R. O. Henderson. C. Beacham sends regards to Mr. and Mrs. Fiddler, Maud Allen McDaniels sends regards to Kelly Powell and Craton. Perry Black sends regards to Tom Logan and friends. Chas. McCurty left us Sunday for New Orleans to visit his family. He sends regards to J. B. Tucker and the Prampins. Chas. Rue sends regards to Geo Horace. Williams & Stevens are still pleasing all kinds of audiences. They say "Howdy, Daddy Love, R O. Henderson, Mr and Mrs. Kersands, McIntosh and all friends"

"At the Old Cross Roads," a delightful love story of plantation life in the old South, comes to the Park next Monday, with Estha Williams at the head of the company. She plays the part of an octoroon, who has a tragic love affair with a Mississippi river steam-boat gambler. The action takes place amid sunny surroundings on plantations near Natchez. The play is not a pastoral drama in any sense and it does not take on a tinge of war, but shows how successfully the planters of the olden time blended their social affairs with their slaves and the octoroons. The production is splendidly eqipped in a scenic way.

"The Volunteer Organist," with its stirring love story and strong temperance sermon, comes to the Park on Thursday to close the week. This was one of the good pastoral plays at the Park last season. Its scenes are in Vermont with its characters of the old fashioned, homely kind. The plot is directed toward causing the downfall of the village minister. The chief scene shows his church with services in progress and a drunkard appears and takes his place at the organ. The production is well regaled with scenery. In the case cast are Rose Braham, Georgia L Fox, Carrie Thomas, John Gorman, George Morton and a number of others.

MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

New York and vicinity has had two local stage productions which should be encouraged. Othello was given in New York, with Hurle Bararflo as the star, and the pretty Japanese opera "Little Tycoon" was given in Jersey City.

Miss Artie Hall, a Southern white coon song singer, with her natural dialect, has succeeded to qualify. Miss Hall does not seem to understand Northern culture, or she would omit songs with the word "niggar" in them Her greatest art is "crying," but she sings rag-time altogether too slow.

Miss May Bohee and May Hyers are a new team of duettists. Miss Bohee still retains much sweet quality in the upper register of her voice, and Miss Hyers is a baritone singer, who equals any heard on the stage. Her voice is not so powerful but the sweetness is there. Miss Hyers, by the way, must pay stricter attention to her grammar, and not say "goad" for God.

I. McCorker, (Mr. Will Harris) whose early death has disappointed us all, as a stage writer gave promise of future worth. While he could not succeed in putting his ideas together as good as J. D Howard, he knew more than Howard does about stage matters and stage history. Two things I noted: He was no judge of an instrumentalist, and he hardly knew the lines which divide strictly between stage criticism and insinuation. He was quite a good judge of singers, and his love for music was the brightest feature of his writings.

For some mysterious reason the managers of the new Majestic fire proof theatre of Boston, Mass., are crowing mighty loud Has this new theatre provided a way for actors to escape? In these days of fire proof building failures it may be well to add that all new theatres without water tanks are unfinished. If the Majestid theatre was in Chicago its managers would now have to tear open the roof and put in a tank.

The theatre alliance question, which we have read about occasionally is a dead issue. The proposition of having a colored theatre alliance is impossible. It is unnecessary to take the trouble of explaining why. Any attempt in that direction would be a mortal failure One thing we really do need is a charity system. All colored actors should continue to contribute to charity through The Freeman, when necessary, until an actor's fund can be established.

Mr. B. F. Keith, of Boston, the father and mother of continuous vaudeville, recently celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary of that vocation. Colored performers look upon Mr. Keith as a sort of heavenly parent in vaudeville. Mr. Keith knows no color line in his managerial history.

The actor who can deliver the goods gets the money and can also be a "headliner." It is also unusual to state that Mr. Keith's son, Paul, is very much like his father. We can only wish B. F. Keith a long life and many grand children.

Two new colored music publishing companies is an encouraging addition to our stage history, if conducted right. Barber & Smith are located at 3604 State street, Chicago, Illinois, and the

MISS BELLE DAVIS,
Who is scoring a "Big Hit" in England.

Liberty Music Co., is situated at 120 Sheridan street, E E, Pittsburg, Pa. The latter company publishes a beautiful sacred song 'Only a Dream of the Beautiful City," by W. A. Kelley, and a catchy waltz song, by Robt. A. Lewis, entitled "Jane, Sweet Jane." They also publish the Farewell Waltzes," which are very fine.

The death of George Titchenor, the noted minstrel comedian, was quite a blow to his Eastern friends. Mr. Titchenor was a man who had some regard for the feelings of other performers, and that is much to say when we consider opinions that might be expressed about some other comedians of stellar rank He was once a principal comedian with W S. Cleveland's minstrel, and all appeared in Leon Washburn's minstrel and Uncle Tom's Cabin companies. His greatest forte was dancing. He was a good hand to put on drills and to manage stage agairs.

TO GEORGE TITCHENOR'S FRIENDS.

From his last resting place,
Where all is still,
Where birds sing over his grave,
At morn, until
The sunshine comes to grace
His dark, earth covered face,
In coming years.
He treated others kind,
Will oft run through your mind—
And dry your tears.

Miss Josephine Gro, a white woman who writes on the New York Clipper, is a wonder. She is termed the "Miss Clipper" of the profession. Miss Gro, recently, commented on a white actor in the "Virginian" company as the "real thing" in Negro dialect. I wonder did it ever occur to Miss Gro how much nicer it would seem to have the part played by a genuine Negro from the South, with his natural dialect right in his bosom. The American stage, from the Virginian down to Uncle Tom's Cabin, proves itself to be the most artificial concern on earth. Another new, very strange, procedure has also taken place in musical circles. Song publishers are having the audacity to introduce Irish, Dutch and Hebrew "coon" songs—a sly way of stealing music from the colored population—or is there a broader love story about to spring up between the races?

THE ADVENT OF REPERTOIRE.

By Sylvester Russell.

The forming of repertoire stock companies, to play one week stands, in modern Negro comedy, is a good proposition. The project would no doubt be held in high favor by people of the smaller sized cities where repertory companies play.

It seems plausible that six good plays could be put together by the botchworkers that would suffice. The work of botchworkers is not to be totally condemned because of what has been written in favor of establishing playwrights. The botchworkers have been a success. In this form of putting plays together they have done nobly.

The all-required thing about these plays would be "fun-making." The next most important thing would be to have the plays differ in plot, music and general characteristics. After comedy in repertoire has been successfully inaugurated it would be a good scheme to include one genuine Negro drama and one opera in the repertory. I should not favor a white drama, and as for opera, a Negro opera by a colored composer, would be the only thing desirable in that direction. I do not believe a repertoire company headed by a star would be a good plan. It would be better for the actors individually, for the company to display its own unheralded stars according to each one's own ability. The scope would be larger, the results greater, and the general satisfaction of the company more complete. The public would also be able to applaud the true merits of an artist without the predominating obnoxious sentiment that falls to a sometimes unworthy star.

The discrepancies of art and originality applauded in a company without stars, tends to advance the performer who sees his work appreciated according to its value and causes him to be a happy and faithful student to the fullest extent of his ability.

Everything pertaining to stage craft and wardrobe are other things that should be regarded with special care. Everything in the repertory direction looks bright. The possibilities can be large, if we make them so, and go about it in the right way.

The greatest of American managers now stands ready to give us what we merit. There will be no use of harping any longer about great foreign black men of the past.

We have had all the speeches necessary about the older Dumas, the black French dramatist. I do not place any racial value on the works of black foreigners. Let us do as Americans have set about doing. Let us make our own stage history. We have no need to place our primeval estimation of ability on Coleridge Taylor as a musician or Ira Aldridge as an actor.

We will have others who are coming up who will be equally as good as they are; stars of the new era, recognized in their own country first.

America owes the prestige of her own stage history, which includes the Negro performer as a chief musical and dancing factor, to the history of what the outside world has to say. If Europe made Taylor and Aldridge famous, they can throw it up in our faces (this includes white people.) But we can in return say that we made our own Black Patti, Williams and Walker and Belle Davis famous first at home and then sent them abroad; which all sounds well for the sake of argument. But the white managers of America must understand that a great Negro performer of any calling, either as a legitimate actor of grand opera singer, should be given the same right of way on Broadway in New York as any other performers. The wealthy and influential people of to-day are ready and willing to support a genius of color in any high rated class of stage entertainment whatsoever. I have even tested on my own account and found classical music to be fully as well appreciated as coon songs, by th class of people now within our reach—the millionaire 400. The colored repertorie companies of the future, the kind I advise, to follow the first successful comedy trial, is of much interest because of the wide scope of superior entertainment that could be given in this way by colored performers.

Even if a white company should try to imitate the notion of comedy, tragedy and opera, it would not be a rare novelty in a white show. On the other hand, it would be a great novelty with colored performers because of its newness.

Very, very few white people have ever seen colored performers in opera or tragedy—thanks to R. Henri Strange for Shakeperian tragedy and Henrietta Vinton Davis for drama.

We must also thank Philadelphia for taking the lead in productions of comic opera. I repeat that I would not favor standard plays written for white people except in the case of black characters. I would favor Othello, with respects to Hurle Bavardo—as a Shakesperian play; the Mikako as comic opera and L'Africaine and Aida for two grand operas with black characters, the latter having already been produced by Theodore Drury. All these things could be brought about within two years.

We have already had one or two small companies on the road, in drama, which stranded only on account of not having a good manager.

Miss Elizabeth Williams, of Albany, was once quite successful in that direction and one of her actors, Nicholas A. Davis, of Philadelphia, was also popular. He came from the city—that supplies more good dramatic and comic opera people than elsewhere.

There will be another new awakening in theatricals, when some rich astute manager with experience, wakes up to the fact that the real talent of the colored race has not yet been half utilized.

Perhaps there has been enough said for the present ,and yet there is another something else which will attract the attention of performers in good time, so that managers of these kind of companies will not have to give them notice to leave because of their behavior. In the small cities there exists many foolish girls of every nationality who admire actors. There also exists in these cities many jealous fellows of every nationality, who watch these girls, not to protect them exactly, but to see that they do not get familiar with stage actors. Familiarity with these girls, Mr. Actor, will mean that if the manager is wise you will lose your position. In another case, it might mean that you will have trouble and if you do you will disgrace the company. You would disgrace the people of your race as well as yourself. In short, everybody knows everything that's going on in a small town. In the event of such disgrace as I have mentioned, the repertorie business would soon go to ruin. The wisdom of it all is, we can't afford to lose ground in such an important deal just for one man—dismiss him.

While nearly all white critics agree that actors and actresses should never marry, I do not regard it applicable to colored performers.

I re-state that all colored performers should marry as soon as possible for many good reasons which I can not insert in this subject. I heartily endorse the good judgment of managers who have offered engagements to the young married actors and their wives as a preference and hope they will continue in so doing. Contrary to the critics, the most honorable white actors of the stage are married and some of them are also the most distinguished.

The advent of repertoire is not of much importance to the public, who will support it according to its merits, as it is to the manager and the actors who undertake the job. The first good manager who enters the field will be the luckiest man in the business.

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COMING AND GOING.

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of Paganinni by Fields, and I lent it to him to read, at the same time telling him that if he read the life carefully he would see the cause of his failure with the composition in question. In about two weeks he returned me the book with the following remark: "In rendering this composition I see that Paganini confounded his audience by secretly and quietly tuning the fourth or G string to another pitch." He was quite elated at discovering this secret. I tried to impress on him how much reading repaid a professional man.

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For all the good it does the country Wall street might be walled in.

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In our American elections whisky beer and cigars play almost as important a part as eloquence.

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What a difference there is between a collector coming and going. Coming he looks formidable; coming he fills us with fear, going he empties us of our contempt.

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Now that Russia and Japan are engaged in hostilities it would be advisable to have your jaws insured against breaking in the attempt to pronounce some of the names that will be used during the progress of the war.

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Some performers seem not to know when a song is worn out. I read of one last week singing "Under the Bamboo Tree." I know his audience wished he was dangling from the "Bamboo Tree" instead of being under it.

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Times are hard and money is scarce, but the trust manipulators are sending up the prices of the necessities of life. Almost in every edition of the papers you will find that the price of some necessity has been advanced.

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A dispatch from St. Louis says: "A call has been issued for a national nominating convention of the Lincoln Republican party to be held in St. Louis, July 25th. The call invites the attendance of all persons, white or colored, who favor pensioning formen slaves, who believe in paying for property of Southerners confiscated or destroyed during the civil war, who favor the raising of an ex-slave school fund, increasing pay of mail carriers and union labor." This party will hardly get beyond the call stage

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The Governor of Mississippi rises to remark that education makes a Negro more criminal. The governor has probably seen a few isolated cases of Negroes becoming more criminal in proportion to the more education they received, and from his observations has drawn a rule to apply to all Negroes. In his conclusions he reminds me of a foreigner who came from a land where rain is almost unknown, and who, when he reached this country, found it raining every day for a week or more. He immediately wrote home, "it rains in the United States all the time." You know people who are made sick every time they eat a certain food. I know a woman every time she eats onions is made deathly sick. What a fool I would be were I to declare onions a deadly food. Yet I would be no worse than the Governor of Mississippi in proclaing education is unfit for all Negroes because he has, perhaps, seen it make a few Negroes criminal.

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Russia and Japan after much wasted diplomacy have finally resorted to arms to win their contentions. War was inevitable from the first. Russia played the diplomacy game as long as she could to hoodwink Japan. While the diplomatic game was being played Russia was hastily and secretly getting ready for what she knew would be the outcome of the dispute—war. Three things have served to make Russia infamous and detestable in the eyes of the world. They are her oppression of her subjects, her cunning in diplomacy and her violation of promises. Russia in her greed had made such inroads on Chinese territory that she was menacing Japan herself. There was nothing to do for Japan but fight. As soon as she discovered the real purpose in Russia's diplomacy—the gaining of time for the preparation of war—she immediately broke off her relations with that country by ordering her ministers to leave St. Petersburg. And in the law of nations this is tantamount to a declaration of war. As an instance of Russia's cunningness, in her last note to Japan, she made demands that she knew Japan could not in honor accede to. She forced Japan to war, and then to gain the sympathy of the powers announces that the responsibility of this war must be on Japan because she began it. In this war, although the United States has declared neutrality, her sympathy is with Japan for some of the causes of the war are issues she has been clamoring for.

PETER GIBSON FINCH.

Chicago, Ill.

W. F. Ellicott's Father's Funeral

Springfield, O., Special.—Mr L. O. Butler, father of W. F. Ellicott, was buried here the 8th.

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Washington, D. C., Special.—Current discussion of the Negro problem in the United States naturally arouses curiosity as to the number and character of the newspapers, magazines and periodicals through which the colored citizen speaks to the public. Where are our newspapers located? How are they prospering? What degree of support are they accorded by the particular class whose interests they conserve and whose rights they espouse?

The above are a few of the questions which have been suggested in noting the distinctively "ex parte" character of the discussion of America's most perplexing social problem. In the numerous utterances on the Negro problem he who is most vitally concerned is least frequently heard and only a favored few can gain conditional admission to the leading journals and magazines of the country. For practical purposes, then, it may be assumed that the colored newspapers afford the only medium of interchange of ideas and facts of especial interest to the colored people of this country.

There are in the United States, according to the best authority available, 156 newspapers and magazines devoted to the interests of the colored race. Of these, 121 are published weekly, 20 monthly, and 15 semi-monthly.

The geographical distribution of the colored newspapers is as follows: Published in the South, 95; in the West, 39, and in the East, 22. The relative standing of the various States as to the number of colored newspapers published within their borders is as follows: Alabama and Georgia, each 14; Mississippi, 13; Texas, 11; Illinois and North Carolina, each 10; Pennsylvania and Kentucky, each 8; Missouri, 6; Massachusetts, South Carolina and Florida, each 5; District of Columbia, Tennessee, Virginia, each 4; Indiana, Colorado, Ohio, New Jersey, and New York, each 3; Maryland, California, Kansas, Nebraska, each 2; and Louisiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Indian Territory, each 1

When the number of Negro journals to each thousand of colored inhabitants is considered, some surprising results develop. Tabulated by sections, the figures are as follows:

—Negro Journals per 1,000 people.—

Southern States .....1 to each 81,000
Eastern States ......1 to each 20,000
Western States .....1 to each 15,000

The circulation of these papers, according to Rowell's Newspaper Directory for 1903, the best authority available, is as follows:

—Southern States.—

For a black population of 7,706,384 115,000

—Eastern States.—

For a black population of 444,597 64,000

—Western States.—

For a black population of 957,162 74,000

In other words, Negro journals in the South reach but one person in each 67,000 colored inhabitants; in the West, one in each 7,000; and in the East, one in each 8,000.

While figures of circulation are, of course, largely estimates, it is interesting to observe that the Directory for 1903 shows for 20 selected colored newspapers a circulation of 80,508 in 1900, and for 1903, 53,221, a decrease of 27,287, or 34 per cent. This would seem to indicate that our journals are not receiving the degree of support to which they are entitled and that the people are indifferent to perhaps the most potential agent at their command for the redress of their grievances. Among the white element of the population the journalist is given first place in the bestowal of public honors and the newspaper is universally relied upon for information and guidance upon all matters of public moment. Is it fair to expect the colored journalist to render the best service possible when he is accorded but the most indifferent support and when, taking the country as a whole there is but one Negro reader of Negro papers for each 35,000 inhabitants?

The following table, compiled from Rowell's Newspaper Directory, 1903, shows the number of Negro journals in each State, also the colored population as shown by the Census of 1900.

State.	Col. Pop.	N'gro J'n'ls.
Alabama	827,304	14
Georgia	1,034,813	14
Mississippi	907,630	13
Texas	620,722	11
Illinois	85,078	10
N. Carolina	624,469	10
Pennsylvania	156,845	8
Kentucky	284,705	8
Missouri	161,234	6
Massachusetts	31,974	5
S. Carolina	782,321	5
Florida	230,730	5
Arkansas	366,856	4
Dist. of Columbia	86,702	4
Tennessee	480,243	4
Virginia	480,243	4
Indiana	57,505	3
Colorado	8,570	3
Ohio	96,901	3
New Jersey	69,844	3
New York	99,232	3
Maryland	235,064	2
California	11,054	2
Kansas	52,003	2
Nebraska	6,269	2
Louisiana	650,804	1
Iowa	12,693	1
Minnesota	4,959	1
Michigan	15,816	1
Montana	1,523	1
Utah	672	1
W. Virginia	43,499	1
Wisconsin	2,542	1
Indian Territory	36,853	1

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What comfort and joy, determination and accomplishment would have Washington, Lincoln, McKinley, Frederick Douglass, G. W. Taylor and Bishop Payne enjoyed if they could have but realized the world's estimate of their greatness?

Let it not be until Dr. Booker T. Washington is "no more" before he shall receive the laurels and tokens of his benificence.

Hon. B. K. Bruce played his part when making our way possible to the highest entrusted employment in the gift of our government. Hon. John M. Langston demonstrated the worthiness of a Negro being made an executive appointee. Hon. Fred. Douglas fought with sword and tongue and gave away his precious life in the interest of his people. He showed to the world at that time the possibility of the Negro's accomplishments.

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In the building of the temple of progress theories must perish and their framers soon be forgotten, but this noble personage in years to come, although the stone now which the builders often reject, will then become the head stone of the corner, because time clears the glasses of all short-sighted critics.

I expect it, that as ignorance and superstition wanes among our people and self-aggrandisement will lose its power to aid individual greed, this noble soul who loves only truth and toils for the uplift of his mankind—with simple purpose of self sacrifice—will reveal to be to all mankind a prophet as whom no greater has risen among men.

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We will now learn something about punctuation. No letter or writing is considered intelligible without punctuation. However, we shall not attempt at this time to go into the art of punctuating in full, but shall confine ourselves to those points which are more essential and are commonly used in letter writing.

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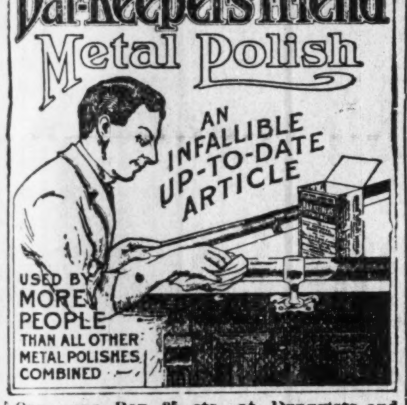

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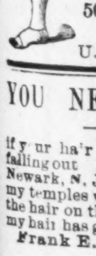

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RACE GLEANINGS.

W. F. Oxford, colored, is stamp and general delivery clerk in the new Fitchburgh, Mass., postoffice.

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Gov. Odell extended a personal invitation to John W. Thompson a prominent Negro of Rochester, N. Y. to be present at the annual reception given at the executive mansion in Albany recently. He accepted. Thompson is president of the local Afro-American council and treasurer of the national body.

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Booker T. Washington has been asked to allow his Atlanta exposition speech to be used in a volume of selections which is being prepared by Prof. George P. Baker, of Harvard, for the students in forensics. Professor Baker wrote: "I want to use it with Lincoln's Gettysburg speech in one division of the 'Forms of Addresses.'"

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The Pimbas Society incorpated under the laws of Maryland has a capital stock of $10,000 This society instructs in all branches of dressmaking, corsetmakink, house decorating and tailoring. It is owned by colored men is the the means by which many persons obtain employment.

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The new One-cent Saving Bank, with a capital stock of $25,000 that was recently established in Nashville, Tenn., has for its president R. H. Body, D. D. Secretary of the National Baptist Pub. Board. It is sure of success since it has this wise financier at its head The doors were thrown open for business Jan. 16, 1904 Any colored person can become a stock holder at $5 00 per share There are fifteen directors and J. W. Bostic Vice president, J. C. Napier, Cashier.

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Peter Vickers, Coffee county's famous Negro, and perhaps the wealthiest member of our race in Georgia, died recently at his home, eight miles west of Douglas, of pneumonia. Peter Vickers owned at least 30,000 acres of land with timber in Coffee county, besides a large amount of other property aggregating something like $60,000. Peter was never boastful of his wealth, but one of the most humble of Negroes and in consequence was greatly liked by every white man who knew him. He was about 60 years old, and had been a Primitive Baptist minister for a number of years. He was publicspirited and always took an active interest in public enterprises of the country and some time ago when a railroad was porjected through Coffee county Peter took stock in the road to the amount of several thousand dollars.

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The color-line has become an issue among the students of Northwestern University, Chicago. While the members of the Hinman Literary Society were engaged in a bitter fight over the admission of John P. Faulkner, a student, the faculty has appointed him as a contestant in the preliminaries for the Northern Oratorical League contest, one of the greatest honors in forensics in the university. His oration which won the place for him, bears a title which is considered to be peculiarly timely, "Man's Inhumanity to Man," and is on the Negro question. When Faulkner's name was presented to the society last week Tuesday night there was opposition on the part of some foolish member because of his color. An attempt was made to lay the application on the table but it was unsuccessful, and the opponents saw they were in the minority In order to break the quorum so that no vote could be taken, four of the opposition started to leave the hall. When F. A. Moon, the president, put the question, two of them were still in the room putting on their overshoes, and President Moon counted them present. Faulkner was admitted by a majority vote He lives in Glencoe, Ill., is a member of the junior class and is considered to be one of the best speakers in the university.

SPORT

Edited By BREAKAWAY.

Joe Gans's decisive victory over Mike Ward should prove that the lightweight champion is not altogether "all in."

JOE GANS,
Landing on Mike Ward in their fight in Detroit, Mich.

Gans's next important battle will be with Joe Walcott.

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In a fifteen-round contest before the Eureka Club of Baltimore, Feb 5th Young Peter Jackson received the decision over Mike Donovan, of Rochester. The bout was all one-sided, and not at any stage of the game did Donovan have a chance.

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Nat Goodwin cut the waits between the acts in "A Gilded Fool" the other night in order to see a fight between Joe Gans and Mike Ward. Goodwin cleaned up a nice sum by betting on Gans The famous comedian is fond of everything in the sport ng line from a crap game to a prize fight.

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"Major" Taylor, the Worcester cyclist and former sprint champion of the world, has done some remarkable work since landing in Australia. After being there two days, the "Major" competed in a mile handicap against all the strongest men in that country. Taylor was put on scratch and he ran away from the field, getting the jumps on his opponents when it came to the sprint

The same day the "Major" started in a mile open and won this event handily. The reception accorded the "Major" is said to have been more spectacular than that of his previous visit. The most influential people in the country turned out to greet him and the "Major's" great showing caused delight.

Four days after his first appearance in Australia he competed in a three-cornered match race in which Iver Lawson and Fyold McFarland were the other starters. M Farland was in the race with the intention of teaming it with Lawson in order to have Taylor defeated. After escaping several pockets that had been prepared for him, the "Major" brought thousands of spectators to their feet when he jumped the pair and got his sprint under way before Lawson and McFarland realized what had happened.

The "Major's" victory in this race was so sensational that he is in demand everywhere, as Lawson and McFarland with the other American riders had been cleaning up everything in Australlia until the Worcester man landed and got his wheel in motion. The "Major" plans to be in France in April and about the 15th of that month he will race there. On the last visit of the "Major" to Paris about 85,000 people paid admission to a race meet where he was entered. This season the Parisian are wild over the sport and an even larger crowd is possible,

Mansfield Briefs.

Mansfield, Ohio, Special.—Mitchell Chapel A. M E Church, Rev. Powell pastor, has clothed a very successful series of revival meetings. Nineteen were added to the membership roll.—The wives and friends have presented Richland Lodge No. 58, K. of P.'s with a beautiful banner, of which they are very proud. The lodge recently installed the following officers: C. C., Edward Martin; V. C., H. Jones; Prelate, C. A. Davis; M. of W., N. Green; K. of R. S., David Dunmore; M of F., J. H. Davis; M. of E., W. B. Dunmere; M A., R. H. Spencer; I. G., Arthur Stewart; O. G., Solomon Blaine.—Read The Freeman and keep posted on every thing pertaining to our race.

Jackson Items.

Jackson, Mich., Special.

Mrs. Charles Gross, of Prospect street, is ill at her home.—Mrs. Sarah Goodall is indisposed.—Mrs. E. Smith, of Detroit, was in the city Saturday.—Don Mayshack and Frank Smith, of Ypsilanti, left Saturday for their home after spending a week in Jackson with friends.—Ray Gray, of Ypsilanti, is in the city.—Andrew Williams and Irwin Brazleton, of Parma, were in the city Sunday.—Miss Charlotte Simon left Saturday for Battle Creek, where she intends to make her future home for awhile.—Miss Eva Johnson is ill at her home, on Washington street —The "Big Four" have their invitations out for their annual ball, February 25—Any one desiring The Freeman will please call on our agent, Miss Flossie M. Johnson, 259 E. Washington street

Hot Springs News.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—Albert Hamilton, the barber who has been quite ill during the past week, is able to be up now and about his regular duty.—Don't forget to attend the week's entertainment to be given at Haven's Chapel M E. Church, commencing February 17 lasting until February 22 —T W Hathorne, with a select crew of 35 men, is giving the best of satisfaction at the Majestic hotel —The Arkansas Club, one of the finest clubs in the country, opened last Monday for business. The cafe department employes colored waiters.—There will be twenty one days racing at the Hot Springs track, commencing February 27, lasting till March 21, which will make things pretty lively around here for awhile —Late arrivals to the Vapor City are: Warren Carter, St. Louis; William Jones, Cairo, Ill.; Isiah Turner Helena, Ark.; Clarence Peyton, Detroit Mich.; and Miss Alice Stanhope, Duluth, Minn.

Ft. Worth Inklings.

Ft. Worth, Tex., Special.—Dr W. A. Allen, our leading physician and surgeon, was called to Gonzales to treat a serious case recently —The members of the Ebenezer Third Baptist Church, of Austin, are sparing no pains in making preparations to entertain the great national Baptist Convention of America which convenes in April. L. L. Taylor, D. D., is president of the State Baptist Convention of Texas. Dr. Campbell is the right man in the right place.—The Sunday services at the Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church last Sunday were good. Rev. H. W. Jackson preached an able sermon —The colored people of Ft. Worth are learning the necessity of patronizing home enterprises —Allen Chapel is moving along smoothly in all of its departments. The choir is the pride of the church. The Christian Endeavor, under the leadership of Mrs R E. Edwards, is doing good work —James Lyons is headwaiter at the Worth hotel, and has held the position for a long time —The business men of our city met recently to organize a business men's league.

Hamilton Personals.

Hamilton Ontario, Canada, Special.—The revival service of the A. M E. Church is still in progress in the form of cottage prayer meetings, from house to house, with good success —Mrs Rachel Johnson, one of the oldest members of St. Paul A. M. E. Church, died last week, and was buried from the church last Sunday. She was a member of the Stewardesses board of the Good Samaritans and the Eastern Star Rev. Hackley officiated at the feneral service. She was 75 years old —The order of Good Samaritans gave a concert last Friday evening, at which time the drama, entitled: "Thirty Years of Freedom," was rendered with grand success.—The second quarterly meeting for this conference year will be held the last Sunday in February, at which time Rev T. H. Henderson, B A, of Chatham, and Rev Wilson, of Windsor, will be present.—The newly elected trustees of St. Paul A M E Church are as follows: T. G. Holland, C. Lewis, P. J. Downing, Wm Taylor, Henry Berry, J. E. Harris and Henry Bryant —There is a great deal of sickness among our people. The following are on the sick list: Miss Sarah Lawson, S Freeman, James Lewis, Mrs. K. Diggs, J. Dewesberry and W. H. Jackson.—Rev. Hackley spent Sunday, February 14, in Oakville, Ont., holding quarterly meeting. Rev. Franklin filled the pulpit in his absence. —Persons who wish to keep up with the news of the race should take The Freeman from Richard Bennett, 314 East King street.

The cotton crop of the south aggregates 11,000,000 bales of 490 pounds to the bale, or 5,390,000,000 pounds, worth about 9 cents per pound, or $485,000,000. No wonder the south is prospering.

On the 160 acre farm there should always be not less than twenty acres in clover, this clover patch to be moved about from year to year so as to cover all the arable portions of the farm every five or six years.

With all the many improved appliances in use in the abattoirs of the country all animals are still killed by hand, a knock in the head or a slit in the throat still being the most effective and humane method to be employed.

The big state fairs have just about exterminated the smaller county fairs, the average farmer preferring to put his time and money in an outing at the big show. We regard this as a positive misfortune to the best interests of agriculture.

If we were going to experiment with alfalfa, we would sow it on a tract upon which clover had been the previous crop, if we could do so, the probability being that the bacterial life left there by the clover would also be favorable to the alfalfa.

The buckwheat cake is always better flavored when raised from leftover batter, but don't let the batter get too ancient.

An acre of dewberries will bring in a return of from $125 to $150. If one can raise 200 bushels of fifty cent potatoes on an acre it will be found easier work than to raise the dewberries.

The good roads associations are commending burned clay as the best material for the construction of highways in all those gumbo sections where neither gravel nor rock is available.

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Dr. Henrygoldsea W. Robertson's

Advice. The great Medium and Fortune Teller, who was born in Richmond, Va., was called to Dallas, Texas, by special request to settle a law suit. The matter was settled in three days' time. The parties who sought him got twenty-five Thousand Dollars; now the whole town sings his praise. Everybody is wondering at such a marvelous man. He breaks up conjuration as he goes; he is the g eatest man of his profession that ever traveled the Southern states. He gives advice on Bounties, Pensions, Law Suits, Marriages, Speculation, Love affairs, Gambling, Hidden Treasures, Separations, etc. Dr. Robertson has had twenty years of experience in business. His mother and father are t e seventh children and he is their seventh son, born with a gift that no one ca equal. He has given light to thousands of homes. He laid in a dead trance at the graveyard for three days. He tells things that happened seventy-five years before his birth; he gives you a Lucky Charm to last you forever; he gives you the number of your lucky days and works for white and colored. When he was eight years and ten months old he took a ship and sailed from the Northern to the Southern states, then went to school at Jefferson college, in Natchez, Miss. On his return from school he performed in a dark room for three years; now he is the king of spiritualists. He is assisted by four other Mediums, and his parlors ar always crowded. He has caused the crippled to throw their crutches away after being afflicted and blind for years. He is the star of the whipping post. He does not believe in robbing the poor.

Many convicted to be hanged and to the pen for life have been pardoned in a short time by this gifted Medium. Many women and men who could not live in their homes on account of their disagreeable husbands and wives have returned and now are doing well. Many young ladies and gents who have been led astray on account of the devil's work, are now better than ever. Many who have spent all their money going into business and have lost on account of evil work, have gained it back and are now happy and have a great trade. Many who pretended to be great friends to you in a deceitful way, Dr. Robertson has found them evil. Many who fought for justice, such as property, divorces, etc., and lost, have gained their rights by this great Medium power. Many mediums, spiritualists, fortune tellers, etc., who have taken money from them and did no good, are now receiving justice and their devil's work is being broken up. Many who have sprinkled powder, burned candles and buried bundles against you have no more power. Dr. Robertson breaks up conjurations as he goes. Many who were about to die from spells, old sores, poison, witchcraft and conjuration were saved by this mighty healer Many who have carried news against you to cause trouble have stopped and can not carry any more Many who got between a happy family have got on their knees and begged pardon by this gifted man's power Many men who have left their homes naked and many women who forsook their husbands, have reformed and are now happy. Dr. Robertson's works were brought from Richmond, Va. Many who tried to save money and spent every dime that they made have now a large bank account and property. Dr. Robertson chains down your enemies so that they will never reach you in life. He sleeps in his dark room in a dead tran e and looks into your pathway as if it were made of glass and catches what is for your good or bad and se ls it up on his spiritual table and sends it by mail. He unlocks your door of wealth, happiness and peace. The spirit of God guides him. See him now and your troubles will end; it was proven at the Spiritual Hall No. 321, Camp Street, Jan. 6th, 1904 that only five men in the world could do the work that he does and no women.

TESTIMONIALS.

To whom it may concern: This is to certify that Dr. Robertson is true. I was in my bed afflicted for months could not raise up my hand until I heard of Dr. Robertson. I sent for him immediately. He came to my home and told me what was the matter, also cured me sound with his spiritual power. I am excited from gladness. Rev. O. F Clinton, Jackson, Miss.

To the public in general: Allow me to express what Dr. H. W. Robertson has done for me. I was sick for five pears and my husband was nearly crazy from a spell that he had for fifteen years and we could not succeed in anything until I tried this gifted medium and he removed the spells and sickness entirely; now we are happy indeed. We would like to have him to live in our city. Very respectfully, Mrs. I. V. Norman, No. 1123 Tchoupitoulas street, New Orleans La

Dear Friends: This is to certify that Dr. Henrygoldsea W. Robertson can help the needy. My husband was so cross when he would come to the house I could not stay inside He kept drunk for years, but after a friend of mine advised me to see Doctor Robertson I took her advice and to-day we have our own home and a large farm. He is a powerful man. Levy Myles, Vickburg, Miss.

Dr. H W. Robertson: Dear Friend—I received the last medicine that you sent me and after using it three days I felt as a new woman; all swelling left and the other matter is settled. I am, yours truly, J. J. Holland. Mobile, Ala.

This is to certify that Dr. Robertson is great. I had been fighting for my bounties so long until I thought there was no hope but after reading of his wonders, I gave him a trial and I got my money and have settled up all debts and are in a pretty cottage of my own. May God bless him forever. D H. Hunt, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. H. W. Robertson: Dear Sir—Allow me to thank you for your kindness. I have gained my property back and the woman who caused the trouble between my husband and I have left the town and he is now better than ever. You will always have my best wishes for success. Mrs. L. E. Jackson, Beaumont, Texas

Dear Dr Robertson: Only a few words to thank you kindly for what you did for me. The parties who stole my clothes and jewelry brought them back and put them at my gate It is a talk for the town. You are true in your works. Respectfully, G. Sinclare, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dr. Robertson: Dear Sir—After you removed the evil spirits from our home and gave us the lucky charm, we succeeded in getting the hidden treasure. Now we are leaving to live in another state and will always picture you in our memory. From R. A. and H. Penn, Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Friends: This is to certify that Dr Robertson is true in what he says. I have lost my job for three months, did not have money to support my wife and family after consulting Dr Robertson and he told me that witchcraft was the cause and worked his spiritual power for me. I am now doing well and have more work than I can really do. Also I and my friends have got him to decide to live in our city I am yours respectfully, M B Hills, Dallas, Texas. Call on or write him; price for fortune $1 15. Send money with your letter: for other particulars, write him. Address DR. HENRYGOLDSEA W. ROBERTSON, 267 McCoy Street, Dallas, Texas. Send stamps for reply.

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CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

Mrs. W. A Kersey continues ill.

Rev. Stewart of Allen Chapel is ill.

Noble Venable has been ill for the past week.

The local business league met Friday at the Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. Woodward Stewart of Nobleville visited here last week.

J. A. Sterrett of Cleveland, O., was mingling with friends here last week.

Stewart Young of Baltimore, Md., was the guest of Mr. Yopp this week.

Col. Al. Henderson was slightly injured in a wreck at Carnegie, Pa., this week.

Rev. W. L Noel of Bloomington was the guest of Rev. George L. Sissle this week.

Manse Goens, a much respected citizen, died at his home in West Twelfth street last week.

Dr. B. F. Hickman of Paris, Ky., was in the city last Tuesday en route to Crawfordsville, Ind.

Beck Davis was in the city on Monday en route from St. Louis, Mo., to French Lick Springs.

Tickets for the Oratorical Contest will be sold by the Ladies' Auxiliary and the school children.

William Roberts, proprietor of the Roberts Cafe, 224 Indiana avenue, has gone to Hot Springs, Ark.

Rev. C. W. Thompson, formerly of this city, now of Paris, Ill., was recently married to Miss Lola Jackson of that city.

Rev. A. Stewart, formerly of Decatur, Ill., is now conducting revival service in Pittsburg, Pa., wherd he is meeting with marked success.

The "Return Dance" to the "Matinee Whist Club" should have been announced a "Complimentary Dance" to the Topaz Cluster Club."

The masquerade, valentine and leap year party given Monday night by the ladies of St. Philips Guild at Odd Fellows' Hall was a grand affair.

The oratorical contest by the colored schools of the city under the auspices of the Education Committee of the Y. M. C. A., March 4th, promises to be a great success.

The local league of the Negro Business Men's League met last Tuesday evening at The Freeman office, where important matters were discussed relative to the forthcoming national meeting in August. The league is meant as a business incentive for this community encouraging colored men in business and encouraging colored people to sustain them.

Monday, Feb. 22, will mark a new era in race enterprise when the first graduating class of the Flanner Guild millinery department will hold its opening in the Concert Hall from 2 to 11 p. m. The public is invited to attend, and all that music, flowers, pretty costumes and gracious manners can do to make this opening both enjoyable and attractive will be done. The work of the class has been pronounced excellent by some of the city's connoisseurs, and no one who sees the beautiful creations in head gear made and designed by this class can fail to be impressed by the artistic temperament and ability of our women. The greatest credit is due Miss Lydia C. Robinson, a graduate of the millinery department of Tuskegee Institute, who has charge of this department in the Guild, and by her mastery of this art is reflecting credit upon the school from which she comes. There will be no admission fee.

A large, representative gathering of colored men met in The Freeman office last Tuesday evening in response to a call from the officers of the National Negro Business League. Representatives of the various organizations of the city were present. An organization was perfected looking to the formulating of plans for the coming meeting of the National Negro Business League. A committee consisting of G. L. Knox, A. E Manning, S. A. Furniss, Bishop A. Grant, Dr. W. H. Chambers, Jacob Porter, C. M. C. Willis, J. H. Lott, J. A. Bryant, Ed. Perkins, M. H. Turner, Gurley Brewer, J. J. Buckner, Wm. Christy and B. J. Morgan was selected to have exclusive directions of arrangements for the meeting of the national organization. From those present an advisory committee of fifty was selected to act in conjunction with the executive committee. Those present were enthusastic over the business outlook. Those not members of the local Business League were urged to join. The work of organizing leagues is progressing nicely. A number of letters have been received showing interest in a number of towns of the state. There should be strong leagues in Muncie, Terre Haute and Evansville.

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OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

In view of the many articles which have appeared from time to time in the different newspapers and magazines relative to Negro immigration to the Islands, the following from one who has resided in the Islands for a period of three years and some months, might prove of interest to some of those of the race who might hereafter consider the advisability of such a step.

The extent to which the Philippines may or may not be made a refuge for American Negro talent, in any of the fields of commerce and industry, is marked by almost the same probabilities and possibilities as the eploitation of any new country within the bounded area of the United States, as it existed prior to the acquisition of any of our new Insular possessions; with a great many conditions favorable to that portion of the earth's surface, known as the United States before the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection.

It is unquestionably true that at one time during the early occupation of the Islands, and while they were yet in the throes of the open hostilities of the two contending armies, there did exist many opportunities for the investment of small amounts of capital and knowledge, with an assurance of quick returns and large profits; and that a few energetic and shrewd Negroes with business foresight and sagacity, who were in on the ground floor in a way, succeeded in clearing up neat piles in short order, which easily reached the five-figure mark, but these lasted only for a short while, and as the conditions incident to active hostilities began to change and the business interest of the Islands began to assume something of a rational standard, through legislative acts and otherwise, under the Civil Government, such opportunities began to be fewer and fewer each month.

The forces which have been so instrumental in bringing about this condition of affairs, have made the possibilities of the Islands becoming a boom center for any class of immigrants; the remotest kind of an impossibility, however, with the opening of new railroads; the sale of the Friar lands; the improvement of the harbors; the continual improvement of the public schools and the introduction of modern methods and implements for the masses; there still remains many excellent chances to be taken up by those who have money and brains to avail themselves of the opportunity, remembering, of course, that such qualifications are still marketable closer to home, with about the same chance of success, with no foreign language, cholera and many other impediments in opposition.

To the average young man with some capital, an active brain, and plenty of brawn, to begin with—and this is really the only class of men who should attempt to succeed in other lands than his own—albeit, that certain men advanced in years have immigrated to foreign lands and attained success, but these are exceptions and can not be classed as general. The Philippines also offer many good inducements along professional and other lines, provided there is sufficient earnestness of purpose and proven ability to insure supremacy over competitors already in the field, and acquainted with the people, their habits and traditions, and the general conditions; for supremacy counts for a great deal if not all in the far East, and the man or woman who can prove his supremacy is very likely to have his full measure of success and no condition of race is apt to be a very great barrier to his progress and substantial gain. In this connection it is also well to remember that competition in the Islands, like competition elsewhere, is very acute, and while the social and political aspect is a shade different, there is still enough competitive prejudice prevalent to make these factors worthy of consideration. To common laborers and ordinary mechanics there are in the case of the former no inducements whatever and but very few for the latter except as overseers and foremen, usually engaged beforehand.

In the government and municipal positions the Filipinos are well entrenched, and, while not entirely usurping them all, they enjoy a certain well defined preference which is more likely to expand than to lesson, if Mr. Taft's successor adheres half as strictly to the policy of making the Philippines for the Filipinos as he himself did during his administration; and it is faily safe to predict that he will, if the assurances given out on the occasion of his inauguration count for anything at all, and taken all in all, it would seem that while there exist many opportunities for the Negro in the Philippines, everything depends on the man himself for a successful grasping of them, as elsewhere.

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Hours of service:—Sunday, 10:45 a. m., preaching; 12 m., class; 2 p. m., Sunday School; 7:30 p. m., preaching; class Tuesday night; prayer meeting Thursday night; teacher's meeting Friday night. Rev. H. E. Stewart, pastor, residence 1501 Cornell ave.

If God wills the pastor will preach at both services on Sunday, Feb. 21st. Subject: "False Prophets"—some reasons why dishonest men make a show of success.—Text: Second Chronicles, 18; 20, 21. "There came out a spirit and said I will entice him; I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of His prophets." This subject will be discussed under two diversions, Sunday, Feb 21, and Feb. 28 inclusive. Great preparations are making for the rally April 17th. A committee of 300 has been appointed by the pastor whose duties he will outline to-morrow.

Whose Ox is Gored?

The Boston Colored Citizen, the Charleston Advocate and the Indianapolis Freeman will do well to edit their syndicate correspondence to avoid libel suits.—Colored American

Our Mr. Thompson Views Clearly.

The staff correspondent of the Indianapolis Freeman has a horoscope of the approaching A. M. E. and the A. M. E. Zion General Conferences in last week's issue. The article is especially interesting in view of the non-partisan attitude of the writer.—Rion Methodist.

The disfranchising and "jim crow" measures, that were to come up in the Maryland Legislature, have been postponed. Let the good work go on.

We are a little ashamed of not following Geo. Washington in all things, but will remember him, nevertheless.

Mississippi had a burning at the stake while Baltimore shot up to meet the sky. No significance whatever—just talking.

DIVORCE LEGAL.

Edward E. Ehrich vs Fannie Ehrich	State of Indiana, Marion Co.ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion Co., In the State of Indiana. No. 13129 Complaint Divorce,

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 12th day of Feb 1904, the above named plaintiff, by his attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana his complaint against the above named defendant Fannie Ehrich and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Fannie Ehrich is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 16th day of April, 1904.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said Court said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her and that unless she appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 16th day of April, 1904, the same being the 3rd judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in April, 1904, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in her absence. WM. E. DAVIS Clerk.

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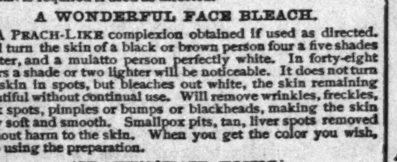

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